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# Cover Shots



Kougat



Marching Band



Seniors Brittany Luketic, Victoria Onderwater, and Theresa Cruickshank



Juniors Keith Hoffman, Jessica Nuss, Steven Roelfs, and Senior Emily Smith



Senior Shane Byers



Senior Taryn Porter



Freshman JV Cheerleaders



Sophomores Josh Hall and Kevin Carlson



Junior Patrick Prochno



Junior Carielle Baumgarde



Freshman Tara Deeter



Senior Jeremy Kunzman and Mr. Price



Sophomore Michael Terborg



Senior Grazyna Gajewska



Asst. Principal Mr. Prescott



Senior Emily Smith



Junior Brandon Phillips and Sophomore Christopher Jenkins



Senior Tara Pellegrini



Junior Caitlin Sittema



Senior Kathy Kemp





Freshman Amanda Cooper and Senior William Whited

I look forward to coming to school every day to learn new things and broaden my horizons. I want to be a court reporter so I love going to my business tech class!"  
Junior Siobhan Urbano




"My favorite thing about KY would have to be the sports. I play soccer and basketball. I love the way we get ready for the season, and the way fans support us."  
Junior Daniel Shadwell





"My favorite thing about KY is the people you meet and the friends you make."  
Sophomore Bruce Ciers

"My favorite thing about KY by far would have to be the fact that you can see your friends every day of the week. You can still learn and socialize at the same time."  
Freshman Sean Lison



# Everything!





Senior Trent Dorn

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Junior Brittany Lubbe

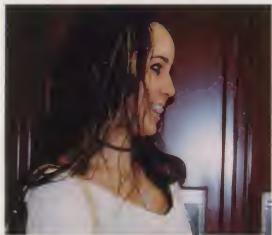
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# What's in your Purse?

Stopping in the hallway before heading to the computer lab, sophomore Ana Perez looks at a science poster hanging up on the wall. Perez sported a pink shoulder strap purse.



Departing from a conversation with her friends, freshman Kaylah Sutton heads back to class. Most girls carried knock-off brand purses. Kaylah's was a knock-off of a Dooney and Bourke which would normally cost from \$125 to \$495.



Above right: Strolling down the hall after lunch, junior Heather Drake, senior Angela Fieldhouse and junior Randi Barcelli share a good laugh. "I like having a big purse because I can fit everything in it. I don't have to look around for things because I know where they are," said Drake.

Standing by the doors of the cafeteria, junior Carly Rice waits for her friends after lunch. She personalized her purse on her own by adding lots of neat buttons and pins from her favorite bands and shows. "Pins and buttons, I love them so much, my purse rocks!", said Rice.



Gabrielle Waugaman

**Opening 2**

Searching through her purse during lunch, sophomore Jodi Williamson tries to find her lunch money. "I never thought I would carry a purse, but now I never go without one," said Williamson.

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Amanda  
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Ashli



## What do you do you carry in your purse?

- ★ Money was found in 100% of the purses.
- ★ Gum and pens/pencils tied for second with 85%.
- ★ Coming in third at 73% was Lip Gloss and personal products.
- ★ Fourth place was wallets, makeup, keys, cell phones, and mirrors in the 60% range.
- ★ Candy/lotion came in fifth place at 53%.
- ★ Coming in at sixth place was pictures at 46%, and calculators at 45%.
- ★ Seventh place was a brush/comb at 36%, and perfume at 34%.
- ★ Kleenex, hand sanitizer, receipts, nail file, letters, eye drops, and hair products came in eighth in the 20% range.
- ★ Ninth place was credit cards and sunglasses with 18%.
- ★ Tenth was paychecks at 17%.
- ★ Eleventh was deodorant at 16%.
- ★ Completing the purse's contents was eyeglasses, toothbrushes, mini notebooks, band aids, whiteout, checkbooks, cameras, calenders, mp3/cd players contact solution, and coupons.
- ★ Seventy-five girls were surveyed.

# Purses

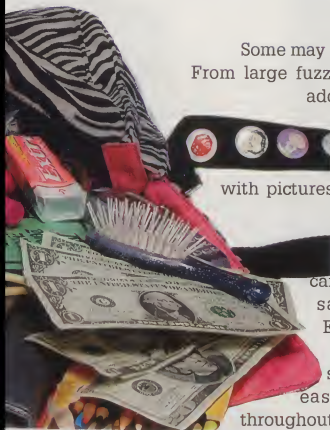
*It's a girl thing*

Some may say "It's a girl thing," while others may say "It's a necessity." From large fuzzy ones, to small wallet styles, purses were an essential addition to many girls lives.

In addition to contents, some girls felt that style was most important. Hot fashions included Gucci, Louis Vitton, Dooney and Bourke and Christian Dior. From purses with pictures to those adorned with color/monograms or clear acetate, purses set the fashion statement.

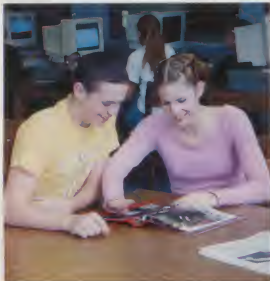
Carrying more than some people may think logical, most purses contained everything from makeup, to cameras, to medicine, and receipts. Sophomore Sarah Huff said, "My purse is the most important thing to me. Everything is in it."

Why do girls carry purses? Some said it was a fashion statement, while others said it was an essential, or an easy way to carry around the things that they needed throughout the day. No matter what the reason, purses were a part of everyday life for girls in the Valley.



# Who's got your back?

Helping his brother with his math homework, junior Colin Serocinski explains the problem to his twin brother junior Llogan Serocinski. Llogan said, "Having a twin brother at school with me is just like having an older sibling at school."



Looking at a magazine together in the library during their study time, junior Jessica Thys shows her step brother junior Steven Martin an interesting article she found in the magazine. Jessica and Steven became step brother and sister after her father married his mother.

Above Right: Going over her homework with her sister, junior Elizabeth Moran laughs about a joke senior Samantha Moran made. Elizabeth also had a twin sister in the school, sophomore Michelle Moran. Elizabeth said, "I love having my sisters in school with me. I always have someone to turn to."



Checking out the newspaper, senior Alex Warren and his brother, sophomore Sean Warren discuss the articles that they wrote. Sean has been in newspaper for two years along with his brother who is a four year member and *The Spirit* editor.

Sisters Alexis and Tiffany Livengood hang posters in the foreign language hallway. They also have an older brother and a younger brother.



Brandon Maverick

**Opening 4**

When school lets out, Senior Victoria Onderwater and her sister junior Erica Onderwater stand in the parking lot arguing about who is going to drive home. One car had to be shared.

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**Double  
your teens...  
Double your fun!**

- ★ Today about one of every 35 births in the U.S. are twins.
- ★ Up to 22% of twins are left-handed. In the non-twin population the number is just under 10% of the population.
- ★ According to the *Guinness Book of Records*, Leontina Albina, from the country of Chile, gave birth to the last of her 55 children in 1981. Her offspring included five sets of triplets (all boys).
- ★ The scientific study of twins is known as "gemelology." The word twin is probably derived from an ancient German word *twine*, which means 'two together.'
- ★ Fraternal twins are much more common than identical twins. The chances of having identical twins is about one in 285.
- ★ Worldwide there are at least 125 million living multiples.
- ★ The United States has one of the highest rates of multiples, while Japan has one of the lowest with multiple births occurring one in 120 births.
- ★ There is a restaurant in New York City called "Twins." It was started by twin sisters and is staffed by 37 sets of identical twins who work the same shifts. Each evening they get 10 or more sets of twins or multiples who patron their unique restaurant.

# Siblings

*togetherness creates strength*

What's good about having a sibling at school? Siblings, cousins, and extended family filled the halls of high school and helped younger family members manage high school life. "He can help me on my homework because he's already taken all the classes I'm taking," said sophomore Joshua Garrison about his older brother senior Justin Garrison.

A disadvantage of having a sibling in school would have been that you had to see him/her all the time. Senior Victoria Onderwater said, "When I had algebra with my twin sister, Erica, I always knew she didn't want me in class with her so, in an irritating baby voice, I would say, 'Abita I love you'. It would embarrass her so badly, but she did laugh when I did it." Erica and Victoria were only one of the 10 sets of twins who roamed the hallways.

Having a sibling in high school could be a blessing, or a curse, but most felt with the stress, it was nice to have someone there to help you along the way.



# "Hey, nice ride!"

Making a statement, senior Kimberly Kuiper shows off her 2002 F-150 truck. Kimberly personalized her truck by adding one of her favorite statements, 'cowgirl up', on her back windshield. Kimberly purchased her truck in November of 2004.



Leaning against his 1987 Fiero, senior Joseph Ogilvie shows off his car. Joseph customized his car by adding dragon graphics to the side, and Fiero written on his windshield. Joseph said, "I have always driven Fiero's, so that is why almost everybody calls me 'Fiero Joe'."

Resting against his fire engine red car, senior Timothy Fraticelli waits to walk into school with his friend. Timothy purchased the 1991 Lincoln Mark VII from his father. He personalized his 1991 Lincoln by tinting the windows.



Mr. John Spinks AD

**Opening &**

Above right: Standing by his 1987 El Camino, senior Scott Hoffman poses for his senior picture. Scott also owns a 1995 Pontiac Bonneville, but he basically has always driven his Camino. "My Camino is like my baby. I would die if something happened to it," said Hoffman.

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## Top 10 new and used cars!

### ★ Top 10 new cars!

- ★ 1. Honda Accord
- ★ 2. Honda Civic
- ★ 3. Nissan Altima
- ★ 4. Toyota Highlander
- ★ 5. Saturn Vue
- ★ 6. Saturn ION
- ★ 7. Ford Mustang
- ★ 8. Honda Odyssey
- ★ 9. Lexus Rx
- ★ 10. Toyota Camry

### ★ Top 10 used cars!

- ★ 1. Ford Explorer
- ★ 2. Jeep Grand Cherokee
- ★ 3. Honda Accord
- ★ 4. Ford Expedition
- ★ 5. Toyota Camry
- ★ 6. Toyota 4 Runner
- ★ 7. Ford Mustang
- ★ 8. Nissan Altima
- ★ 9. Honda Civic
- ★ 10. Nissan Maxima



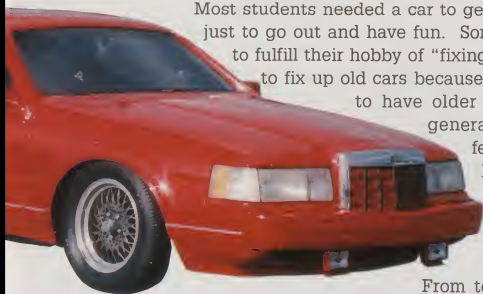
# The Ride

*Says who you ate*

The ride...determines the date, reveals the man/woman, sets the stage, and at the same time keeps us going. To some students the car was almost like another form of identification, while to others it was a way to move around. Either way, most students could acknowledge his/her friend just by seeing that certain car pulling into the parking lot.

Most students needed a car to get back and forth to work, school, or even just to go out and have fun. Some bought junk cars or used cars simply to fulfill their hobby of "fixing-up" cars. Senior Brian Sisco said, "I like to fix up old cars because I enjoy them, and I think it is important to have older cars around in the future for younger generations to enjoy and experience what it feels like to drive a real muscle car or a huge Delta 88."

Students weren't the only ones who had cars with nice systems and spinning rims. Science teacher, Mr. Dennis Sterret hit the streets in a blue Honda Tiburon. From teachers to students, cars defined 'who they were.'



# Seniors Dominated the Juniors

With the roaring of the crowd, the screaming powder puff players got pumped up for the big game. On September 14 the Seniors marked another day of winning in Kougar history. The first three quarters of the game it seemed as if the Juniors were about to dominate the Seniors after junior Cassandra Coffey converted a long run into six points in the first quarter, and the offense added two points.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that the Seniors made their first touchdown in the hands of Cassandra Poisel. "Our double reverse play confused their defense. It was awesome!" said

Poisel. A two point conversion tied the game. In overtime, the seniors connected in the second play and put six more points on the board. As the plays wound down, the juniors final effort was stopped by Jamie Anderson. Seniors won 14-8.

"The biggest impact on the game was the Seniors being able to pull it all together in the end," said Senior Brittany Warren.

"After the game we all got together to pray. That impacted me a lot, and it definitely made the defeat a lot easier because it showed we were able to stick together," commented junior Mallory Wierzba.

Seniors Know How to Get Down and Dirty...

Trying to get the Juniors a touchdown, junior Stephanie Poisel runs with the ball while senior Kathryn Hester dives for the flag. Hester pulled the flag off Poisel to end the play.



"The biggest impact for the Seniors was definitely the team prayer at the beginning of the game and also at the last play," said Senior Kori Jarrell.



"Powder Puff, as always, was an exciting experience for me. I had a lot of fun coaching girls I had never met," said Coach Kevin Kaluf.



"I had a lot of fun playing Powder Puff, and it was neat that the Junior class could all pull together and have an awesome time," said Junior Amanda Evans.



Pep talk gives girls needed hype...

During the Powder Puff game, Senior Coaches Ms. Lisa Anderson and Mr. Bryan Dickson (student teacher) give their girls a pep talk. The coaches told the girls to have fun and even if they didn't win, they would still be proud of them.

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Oezer



Jessica Thys

**Powder Puff 2**



**Headed Toward a Senior Victory...**  
Running the ball down the field, Senior Victoria Underwater tries to dodge Junior Destiny Baccino. She succeeded in dodging Baccino so that the Seniors could come closer to scoring six points.



#### Junior Powder Puff Team...

Front Row: Carrie Barrera, Cassandra Collier Row 2: Brandy DeVries, Meagan Anderson, Stephani Mann, Destiny Baccino, Ashton DeVries, Emma Cunningham, Jennifer Kurowsky, Amanda Evans, Randi Barcelli, Shannon Abrell Row 3: Carrielle Baumgart, Megan Wenger, Carmen VanKley, Allison Piopp, Ashley Tronzo, Laura VanderLugt, Cecilia Hookman, Sara Boen, Jessica Nuss, Alyssa Tomich Row 4: Shannon Pirlot, Brittany Patton, Cassie Dickerson, Caitlin Sittima, Alana Williams, Mallory Wierzb, Ashley Murray, Erica Underwater, Ashley Antkowiak, Heather Drake, Ashlee Bonesteel, Coach Kevin Kaluf Row 5: Katherine Hubbling, Ashlie Peterson, Jazmyne Allen, Miranda Green, Rachel Kikkert, Kara Prontoski, Carlin Oezer, Kimberly Berns, Lauren Laski, Jessica Thys, Elizabeth Moran, Stephanie Polise



#### Senior Powder Puff Team...

Front Row: Ashley VanKley, Tiffany Philpot, Samantha Moran, Dyanne Hamstra, Kathryn Hester, Lindsey Reed, Ashlee Matson, Cassandra Pollard, Toriya Brunt, Michelle Anderson, Amber Cunningham Row 2: Samantha Phillips, Jessie Fuqua, Heather Bacon, Brittany Birchett, Cassandra Polise, Candiss Abell, Jamie Anderson, Lindsey Brooker, Nicole Disney, Jamie Jones, Brandi Kittle Row 3: Victoria Underwater, Brittany Warren, Kimberly Kulp, Elizabeth Sutton, Tara Pallegri, Jennifer Sonntag, Mary Dugger, Kathryn Huhn Row 4: Kathy Kemp, Margaret Wood, Theresa Cruickshank, Christine Sullivan Row 5: Janelle Kondos, Brittany Luketic, Kori Jarrell

Theresa Cruickshank



# Reaping the Harvest

With pickle juice dripping from their chins and duct tape sticking to their clothes, students showed their school spirit while getting hyped up for the week of September 13 to 17. Students were able to show their school spirit through hallway decorating, fourth hour activities, and dress up days just to name a few.

Homecoming dress up days consisted of: pajama day, superfan/jersey day, duct tape day, down on the farm day, and class color day. On class color day, freshmen dressed up in yellow, while sophomores sported their orange, juniors showed off their

blue, and seniors rocked in green.

"My favorite dress up day would have to be pajama day, because you don't have to care what you look like. It's really comfortable," said Senior Brandi Kittle.

To add more excitement to the week, fourth hour activities were taken part in at lunch every day. Bobbing for pickle slices, building a barn out of legos, spam carving, drawing turkeys, or getting a face painting were the popular fourth hour activities that one could choose from. "I thought the spam carving was a neat idea for a fourth hour activity," said junior Brandon Mayernik.

## Go, Seniors, Go...

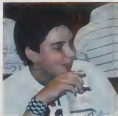
Showing his support for the senior Powder Puff players, freshman Patrick Cruickshank proudly sports his superfan shirt. He wore the superfan shirt to help support his sister at the Powder Puff game that night.



"This was the best Homecoming week ever. The power puff was super exciting and my best friend, Emily, was crowned queen!" said senior Ashley Liston.



"My favorite part about Homecoming week was when we won the lip sync for the pep session," said freshman Shawn Freckelton.



"It was absolutely phenomenal the way we came together as one for that one week," said senior Adam Kerkes.



## Ready, Set, Bob for Pickles...

Sticking her face into a bowl of pickle juice, junior Melanie Klunder tries to pick up as many pickles as she possibly can. Klunder

picked up one pickle to help gain an extra point for her Junior class in the spirit stick competition during lunchtime activities.

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Oezer



Ryan Smeltzer

Homecoming 10



#### Proud to Wear Her Spirit...

Showing off her school spirit, senior Amber Cunningham sports her Powder Puff jersey for jersey/super fan day. Later that night was the Powder Puff game in which the Seniors beat the Juniors 14 to 8.



#### Way to Carve That Spam...

During Lunch, sophomore Adam Bowman and junior Robert Mayernik carve spam to help out their class for Homecoming Week. Spam Carving was one of the fourth hour activities to gain points for the spirit stick.

#### What Better Way to Show Your School Spirit Than to Paint Your Face...

Getting her face painted, junior Erica Underwater helps show her school spirit for the Homecoming game that night. Sophomore Jacquelynne Scheidt was the one who painted Underwater's face. (Above)



# Session Raises Roof

Pounding drums crashed through the halls at 2:30 on September 17 as band members kicked off the 32nd annual Homecoming Pep Session.

Dominated by class competitions, Mr. Tom Black announced that the seniors proudly won first place in dress-up days, and juniors won the first place position in the category of Penny Wars.

Arriving to the gymnasium, students went to their places and began class chants "Hey Hey." Mr. Black emceed the pep session and had the classes scream "We are KV."

Then Mr. Black tried to raise the roof by having the students scream off their lungs. Once the roof

was raised, it was time for the Lip Sync competitions. The first group of competitors was the freshmen who presented a well rehearsed and choreographed routine to a medley of country songs earning them a first place finish. "I was really proud of my freshmen who won the Lip Sync," said class sponsor Mrs. Hallie Chicki.

After the cheerleaders completed their performance, it was time to give away the Spirit Stick. Shock filled the junior stands as seniors earned the Spirit Stick and rushed the gym floor. Senior Tracy Whitesell said, "Winning the Spirit Stick for the second year in a row was very exciting."

## Marching to the beat...

As the drums sound, senior Anastasia Christian, along with sophomore Tracy Whitesell, leads the band through the hallway as they escort the teens to the gymnasium for the annual pep session.



*"It (Homecoming) was more fun this year because there were more positives and no harm was done," said emcee Mr. Tom Black.*



*"It was hard for me to put all of the moves together," said the captain of the sophomore lip sync skit Viviana Mijares.*



By: Jimmy Trembly



## Freshmen routine earns a first...

Watching the action on the floor, freshmen Anna Gilbert and William Recker react to their classmates routine as fellow classmates Jacob Watts and Samuel Newton discuss the

possibility that the routine was good enough to earn the team a first in competition. It was! Freshmen placed first with their well practiced routine.



Corey Morse

Pep Session 12



### Getting all riled up...

Getting the crowd all riled up, seniors Jamie Anderson, Brittany Birchett, Elizabeth Sutton, Michael Torbitt, Kyle Jansma, and Shawn Mikus dance to Chris Cagle's *Chicks Dig It*. Senior Michael Torbitt said, "Lip Sync was incredible. It was such a rush of energy and enthusiasm once everyone started cheering and screaming. All the classes did a great job."

### Cheering on the freshmen...

(Top Photo) As the freshmen were doing their lip sync, everyone was cheering them on. In their first high school lip sync competition, they came out as winners. Participants were Shawn Freckleton, Andrew Tillema, Katherine Mestrovich, James Guerrero, Andriana Garza, Thomas Ramsey, and Meredith Hammonds.

### Anticipation ...

Waiting to do their next performance, cheerleaders were in awe of the lip sync competitors. "The dance we did was a lot of fun. It was also cool that Mr. Prescott let us borrow football jerseys since the pep session was for football. It (the routine) went by really fast, but the crowd really got into it," said Junior Ashley Tronjo.



# Down on the Farm

As the day turned into night, fireworks lit up the sky. For the football players, it was an inspiration as they went on to beat Hammond Gavitt Gladiators with the score of 33-14. A German exchange student who played football for the first time; Junior Jan Dannheisig said, "It was a great feeling winning at Homecoming. It was a fun experience and a good game."

During the night, Mr. Phillip Apple crowned the Homecoming Queen for the Class of 2006. Once the tiara was placed on her head, senior Emily Smith said, "I felt honored to be the Homecoming Queen. The

fireworks made the night memorable. Also, being with my friends made my senior Homecoming night special to me."

The fireworks made the night memorable. For all the years Homecoming has been at KV, there have been no fireworks. The parade was taken out and a member from Student Council thought of the idea of having fireworks as a replacement. "Fireworks were a really good addition to the Homecoming game since we took out the parade," said Mrs. Heather Carey, Student Council Sponsor. She was also the Chairperson for all the Homecoming Festivities.

## Coach Prescott gives pep talk...

During the game, Coach Bob Prescott talks with senior Zachary Prairie about a play that had been used before. As the talk ended, Prairie executed the play with the team.



"Homecoming football game was awesome. I enjoyed the night because we were winning, and the fans were going wild", said senior **Brittany Luketic.**



"Homecoming was great. The fireworks made the evening spectacular", said junior **Brandi DeVries.**



"Homecoming was awesome. Running out under the fireworks was a great feeling. Then looking up and seeing the stands packed was great," said senior **Gentry Brown.**



By: Jimmy Trembly



## Pep band pumps up the crowd...

Playing the trumpets, seniors David Plant, freshman John Lapota, and senior Alexander Warren bring the popular anthem "Star-

Spangled Banner" to life. "Go Big Red," along with many other favorites were performed at the Homecoming event.



Erica Greenlee

**Homecoming 14**



#### Homecoming court...

Back row: Cole Patrick, Emma Cunningham, Kyle Jansma, Brittany Birchett (Sr. Ct.), Jeremy Rozhon, Tiffany Nemtuda (Sr. Ct.). Middle Row: Lindsey Skratsky, Johnathon Clifford, 2004 Queen Danielle Brubaken. Front Row: Sean Nannenga, Jodi Anderson, Devin Freckleton, 2005 Queen Emily Smith (Sr. Ct.), Jeremy Kinzman, and Jamie Anderson (Sr. Ct.).

#### In the midst of all the excitement...

Top: After being crowned, Queen Emily Smith received hugs from her friends, seniors Ashley Tillema, Ashley Liston, Kathryn Heester, Michelle Schurman and Joanna Perzee. "One of the best things about Homecoming was getting to see my best friend be the Homecoming Queen. She looked so beautiful, and we had so much fun," said senior Kathryn Heester.

#### If the crown fits, wear it...

Receiving her queen bouquet, senior Emily Smith smiles after she was crowned the 2005 Homecoming Queen. Standing beside Smith was her escort, senior Devin Freckleton who joined her in her moment of happiness.

# What I

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1. Sophomores Crystal Flores and Jacquelynne Scheidt
2. Sophomore Adam Bowman
3. Seniors Samantha Phillips and Janelle Kondos
4. Junior Caitlin Sittima
5. Freshmen Heather Dulaney, William Recker, Kayla Hale, Adam Betancourt, Brittney Vires, Lindsay Sittima, Jillian Conley, and Nicole Kerner
6. Mr. Greg Oliver

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# People

In 1600, Shakespeare asked, "How do I love thee, let me count the ways." In the 1860's, Benjamin Franklin made a list of 100 maxims that he felt would help him be better liked. What do these things have in common? Nothing, that's what we like about KV.

Uniqueness is all around. From the foreign exchange students, who still get excited over the monthly fire drill, to the football player who aced his first tackle or his first touchdown. Then there's the guidance department who stressed the new Career Pathways format which helped students understand what classes would help them achieve their job goal and the boys who built their first house under Mr. Mulvihill's watchful eye. Others shouted with glee as Officer Moolenaar informed them that on November 22 and 23, they would get to practice shooting in a gun simulator, and others who felt joy at their first or last Sunshine Dance on November 6. With almost 1,000 students walking the halls, there was always a story to be told or a laugh to be heard.



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# Seniors look back

Senior year was a time to remember the things enjoyed the most such as winning the Homecoming game 33-17, and the spirit stick junior and senior year, passing Mr. Post's economics test, and having friends to dance with at Prom. Finally, seniors got to have their moment of glory on June 5. When asked how it felt to win the spirit stick two years in a row, Justin Adkins replied, "I contributed to winning the spirit stick by participating in the dress-up days like superfan/jersey day, duct tape day, class color day and down on the farm day."

When asked how it felt to lose the junior powder puff and then make a comeback, Cassandra Pollard exclaimed, "My

junior year, we thought we were going to win, so we trash talked the seniors, and we felt so miserable when we didn't win. This year we won, and it felt so good!"

Another memory was getting up early on Saturday mornings and taking the SAT's. Many teens also spent evenings and weekends filling out applications, and writing essays for numerous scholarships. Adam Kerkes said, "It was great when I realized what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. When I opened the letter that said 'Congratulations, you've been accepted to Northwestern College.' It was the best feeling I could ever have!"

Class of '05 was under the sponsorship of Mrs. Pat Price and Mrs. Kristi Slaby.



Glass Officers: Jeremy Kunzman President, Michelle Schurman-Treasurer, Michelle Berg Vice President, Michael Torbitt-Secretary.



Dominic Willis  
**Seniors 18**

# SENIORS

1. Jamie Jones  
2. Kathryn Hester  
3. Margaret Wood  
4. Tara Lupia & Mr. Post  
5. Shawn Mikus, Kirsten Fifield,  
Gentry Brown, & Zachary Sessions  
6. Adam Kerkas, Andrew Naughton,  
Devin Freckleton, & Joshua

Westphal  
7. Elaine Gross  
8. Silvia Nikiforova  
9. Ryan Wynkoop & Mrs. Slaty  
10. Sheri Shapira Sharmou  
Tiffany Lam, Jan Demtysisig  
Grazyna Gajowska, Amy To  
11. Mr. Apple & Emily Sniffy



Brittany Birchett Choir 9-12/ Env. 11/  
Homecoming Court 12/ K. Krazies 9-12/ P.  
Puff 11-12/ Sen. Leaders 12/ Softball 9-12/  
Sunshine 9-10/ Varsity 11-12/ Volleyball 9-10  
Rebecca Riedae  
Daniel Bolisy  
Lindsey Brooker Env. 12/ Foreign Lang.  
Club 9/ K. Krazies 9-12/ Pathfinders 9-10/  
Powder Puff 11-12/ SADD 10-11/ Sunshine 9  
Gentry Brown Baseball 9-12/ Basketball  
10/ Env. 12-12/ Football 9-12/ K. Krazies  
9-11/ Varsity 10-12

Tonya Brust Band 9-12/ Powder Puff 11-  
12/ Sunshine 9-12  
Shane Byers Baseball 9-12/ Env. 11-12/  
Football 9-12/ Varsity 11-12  
Jordan Castillo  
David Cazares

Jacob Chalik  
Meagan Clarich Cheerleading 10-12/  
FCLA 11-12, Secretary & Treasurer 11/  
Golf 10/ K. Krazies 12/ Powder Puff 12/ Sen.  
Leaders 12/ Softball 9-12/ Sunshine 9-12  
Taylor Clifford Cross Country 11/ Env. 9-  
11/ FCA 9-10/ Foreign Lang. 11/ K.  
Krazies 9-10/ Pathfinders 9-11/ Soccer 9-  
10/ Stu. Co. 10-12/ Sunshine 9-11/  
Swimming 9-12/ Track 9-12/ Varsity 10-11  
Lindsey Craig Art 9 & 12/ Cougar  
Krazies 11-12/ Powder Puff 11/ Prom  
Committee 11/ Softball 9/ Sunshine 9-12  
Yearbook 9  
Jacob Croll Baseball 9-10/ Env. 9/  
Football 9-10

By: Jennifer Bennett

Elizabeth Sutton



# No Good Deed Goes Unnoticed

How many times a day did you stop thinking about yourself and start to think about others? For some students it has happened more often than not.

Take Seniors Ashley VanKley and Joshua Westphal, who volunteered to be Mr. Epley's fourth hour assistants in a special needs classroom. Every day at lunch VanKley and Westphal helped the special needs students get their lunch and then talked with them during lunch. They also helped them in the classroom.

Helping these teens was particularly meaningful to Ashley because her aunt (Kelly Harmon) was handicapped. "She was the one person that made my day when I saw her. She passed away and

being with kids like her kind of helped me keep all the "Kelly" memories alive. The kids down there would never put you down. Every time we walked into the room, they got so excited. It made me feel really good!" said VanKley.

Joshua said, "It (working with Mr. Epley's kids) makes me feel more than good about myself. The kids rock that are in there. I really don't want to be choosy, but when I graduate, I'm going to miss my favorite person in the whole wide world that's in that class. Her name is Amber. The best part of my day would have to be hanging out with Amber. She's not a big talker at all, but when she said "Joshy" I just got so darn excited, She knew my name, and that was awesome!"

While at lunch, Ashley VanKley helps Amber Walters eat her lunch. Then, after lunch, they (Josh), Amber and Ashley went back into the classroom, and Joshua Westphal and VanKley helped Walters and Jon Wiltfang sing Christmas carols. They were learning to sing Jingle Bells. After Amber sang it correctly, Jon gave her a hug.



By:  
Jessie  
Fuqua

Theresa Crulchank Env. 12/ K. Krazies 9-12/ P. Puff 11-12, captain/ Soccer 9-12/ Sunshine 9-12

Amber Cunningham Cheerleading 11/ Choir 9-12/ K. Krazies 10 & 12/ P. Puff 11-12/ SADD 12/ Sen. Leaders 12/ Sunshine 10-12/ TFC 11-12

Patrick Curry

Megan Davidson Env. 10-12/ FCA 10-11/ K. Krazies 9-12/ Newspaper 9/ Pathfinders 9-10/ P. Puff 11/ SADD 10-12/ Sen. Leaders 12/ Stu Co. 9-12, Asst. Secretary 12/ Sunshine 9/ TFC 12

Justin DeKock Basketball 9-12, captain 12/ Chess Club 9-10/ Env. 9-12/ FCA 9-12/ Golf 9/ Homecoming Court 11/ K. Krazies 9-12/ Pathfinders 9-12/ Soccer 9-12/ Varsity 9-12

Jonathan Delger Orchestra 11-12/ JHII DeVries Basketball 9/ FCA 9-11/ Foreign Lang. 12/ K. Krazies 12/ NHS 10-12/ Pathfinders 10-12/ Sunshine 9-11/ Volleyball 9-12

Nicole Dineen Academic Teams 11-12/ Basketball 9/ Env. 9/ FCA 11/ Foreign Lang. 10-12, officer 11-12/ K. Krazies 9-12/ NHS 11-12/ Peer Fac. 10-12/ P. Puff 11-12/ SADD 10/ Softball 9-12

Trent Dorn Chess 9/ Env. 9-12/ FCA 9-10 & 12/ Foreign Lang. 10-11/ K. Krazies 9-12/ Morning League 9-12/ Pathfinders 9-11/ SADD 9-11/ Soccer 9-12/ Stu Co. 9-12, treasurer 10 & 12/ TFC 11-12/ Track 9-12/ Varsity 10-12

Jalle Dowhen

Alex Drzik

Mary Dugger P. Puff 11-12/ Sunshine 9-10

Matthew Dykstra

Joselyn England

Meghan England Choir 10-11/ K. Krazies 10 & 12/ Pathfinders 10/ SADD 12/ Sunshine 9 & 11

Taryn Porter

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**Angela Fieldhouse**  
Scott Fieldhouse Academic Teams 10/12/  
Band 9/ FCA 9-12/ Foreign Lang. Club 10-  
12, vice pres. 11/ K. Krazies 10/12/ NHS 10/12/  
Soccer 9-11

**Kirsten Fifield** Basketball 9-12/ Class  
Officers 9/ Env 11/ FCA 9-12/ K. Krazies 9-  
12/ NHS 10/12/ Pathfinders 10/11/ Pioneerz  
11-12/ Stu. Co. 9-12/ Sunshine 9-12/ TFC 11/  
Track 9-12/ Varsity 10-12/ Volleyball 9-12

**David Fischer** Cheerleading 11/ Chess 9/  
Env 9-12, treasurer 10/ FCA 10-12/ Foreign  
Lang. 9-11/ K. Krazies 11-12/ NHS 10-12/  
Pathfinders 9-10/ SALIO 12/ Sen. Leaders  
12/ Stu. Co. 10-12/ Tennis 11-12/ Track 10-  
11/ Varsity 10/ Wrestling 9-10

**Anthony Fratelli** Academic Teams 10-  
12/ Chess 10/ NHS 10-12/ Pathfinders 9-11

**Timothy Fratelli** Academic Teams 10/  
Band 9-10/ Jazz Band 9-10/ NHS 10-12,  
treasurer 12/ Pathfinders 9-12

**Devin Freckleton** Choir 9-12, section  
leader 9-12/ Drama 9-12, secretary 12/ Env  
9-10/ Homecoming Court 12/ K. Krazies 9-  
12/ Media 10/ Pathfinders 9-8, 12

**Jessie Fugus** K. Krazies 9-11/ P. Puff 11/  
12/ Sunshine 9-12/ Yearbook 11-12, club  
section editor 12

**Grazyna (Grace) Gajewska** Polish  
exchange student, Newspaper 12

**Justin Garrison** Baseball 9-12/ Basketball  
9/ Football 12/ Krazies 9/ Tennis 10

**Matthew Gilmore**  
Nicole Gobin Choir 9-12/ Football  
Manager 10/ Sunshine 9-12/ Swimming 10/  
Jillian Golly Choir 12/ Drama 11/ K.  
Krazies 9-10/ Pathfinders 9-11/ Soccer 9-  
10/ Sunshine 9-11

**Brian Grady** FFA 9/ Soccer 9-12  
Nathan Graf



Brittany LaCrosse,  
Ashley Padilla, April  
Williams, Tara Lupia

Jeff Schumacher



Dominic Willis

Justin  
Adkins,  
Gabriel  
Mijares



Michael Torblitt,  
Taryn Porter,  
Matthew Jurs,  
Mrs. Kristi  
Slaby

Mrs. Jaule  
DeVries,  
Michelle  
Schurman



## Kunzman uses leadership talents to improve community; state

Senior Class President Jeremy Kunzman did not stop helping his community with class and school activities, he reached out into the state where he improved the community by preparing bags that were sent over seas to the people of the Armed Forces and planted trees with a group called Indiana Service Leaders. With Indiana Service Leaders, he worked with 100 other selected students from all over Indiana, along with Senator Evan Bayh. "I realized that you don't have to do something huge for it to matter. Sometimes you need a pep talk to keep focused and keep going," said Kunzman.



Cassie Gray  
Blaine Gross Band 9-12 / Env. 11 / FCA 11/  
Golf 9-12 / Jazz Band 12 / Soccer 9-11/  
Swimming 9-12  
Dyanna Hamstra Class VP 9 / Stu. Co. 9-  
12 / NHS 10-12 Sec. 12 / Sunshine 9-12 /  
K. Krazies 9-12 / For. Lang. 9-12 /  
Pathfinders 9-12 / SADD 9-12 / SADD 9-  
12 / FCA 9-12 / Env. 11-12 / Varsity 11-12 /  
Sen. Leaders 12 / JV Volleyball 9 / Tennis 9-12  
Wayne Heflin



Angela Hensley  
Aaron Hersham  
Kathryn Hoster Drama 9-12 / Media 10-  
12 / NHS 11-12 / Pathfinders 9-12 / P. Puff 11-  
12 / Sunshine 9-12  
Scott Hoffman  
Kathryn Huhn Cross Country 12 / FCA 9/  
K. Krazies 9-12 / P. Puff 11-12 / SADD 11-12 /  
Soccer 9-12 / Softball 9-12 / Sunshine 9-12 /  
Swimming 9-12 / Varsity 10-11



Kaelyn Huppenthal  
Kyle Janama Baseball 9-12 / Basketball 9 &  
11-12 / Env. 11 / FCA 10-12 / Homecoming  
Court 12 / K. Krazies 9-12 / NHS 10-12 /  
Pathfinders 11 / Soccer 10-12 / Varsity 12  
Kori Jarrell Drama 9 / K. Krazies 9-10 / P.  
Puff 11-12 / Sunshine 9-12  
Anthony Jenkins  
Rebecca Johnson



## Purdue Tops College Choice List



Although they've been waiting to sit at the "Senior table" since they were Freshmen, Shane Byers and Zachary Sessions are now Seniors and they don't understand why it was so important to them before.

by:

Sam

Phillips



Stephen Szymanski

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Getting ready for college was a huge part of high school. Many seniors visited colleges to get a good idea of what it was going to be like when it was finally their time to go away. Thirty-One different colleges were visited. Some of the most common were Purdue, IU, PNC, University of Southern Indiana, IUPUI, and International Business College (IBC) Fort Wayne. Some even went into Michigan to visit Northern Michigan University and Baker College.

Guidance statistics proved that Purdue was still the number one choice. One big draw was the new housing option at PNC. Indiana State, IUNW and Ball State came in at a dead heat for second.

To many Seniors their favorite part about being able to visit a college campus was getting to experience college life first hand. James Lewandowski visited Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and said, "It gave me a feel of what the campus was like. I also was able to sit in on a class to see how it was taught, which was a good experience because the professor interacted well with the students."

Visiting colleges also helped teens to decide if that was where they really wanted to go. "I got to experience what the campus atmosphere was like. There's a big difference between what the catalogs show and what's actually there," said Lindsey Beeching.

Joking about whose Freshman group is better, Senior Leaders Michael Torbitt and David Fischer watch to see which team will get to go to lunch first.

With a look of amazement, Jessie Fuqua and Samantha Moran watch as their friend Logan Serocinski moves into scoring position on the soccer field in Hammond.



# Seniors



"I'm excited about going to college next year. I'll get to meet new people and stay out on my own. I have visited IUPUI which has a dental program that I would like to major in. It was neat seeing the campus."

-Taryn Porter

Jamie Jones Newspaper 9/ Sunshine 9-12  
Matthew Jurs Baseball 9/ Basketball 9-12/  
Chess 9/ Env 9-12/ FCA 11-12/ Foreign Lang  
9-12/ Homecoming Court 9/ K. Krazies 9-12/  
Pathfinders 11-12/ SADD 9-12/ Tennis 10-12/  
Varsity 10-12

Kevin Kampenga  
Samantha Kampersal Art Club 9-12/ Drama  
9-10/ K. Krazies 9/ Mirage 11-12  
Trevor Karlowaky Env. 11/ Golf 9-12  
Kathryn Kemp Choir 9-12/ Drama 9-12/ K.  
Krazies 9-12/ Memory 12/ Pathfinders 9-12/  
P Puff 11-12/ Sunshine 9-12  
Adam Kerkow Art Club 12/ RPA 12/ Choir 9-12/  
Drama 10-12/ FCCA 12/ K. Krazies 9 &  
12/ Memory 12/ Mirage 12/ Pathfinders 12/  
Peer Facil. 12/ SADD 12/ Senior Leaders 12/  
Tap Dance 10-12/ TPC 12

Andrew Kerner  
Kaitlyn Ketchum BPQA 11-12/ Choir 9-11/  
K. Krazies 9-10/ Peer Facil. 10/ P Puff 11/  
Sunshine 9 & 11-12  
Megan Kikkert Env. 9-10/ FCA 9-12/ K.  
Krazies 9-12/ NHS 10-12/ Sunshine 9-10 &  
12/ Varsity 10-12/ Volleyball 9-12  
Brandi Kittle Choir 9-12/ Env. 10 & 12/ K.  
Krazies 9-10/ Newspaper 11/ P Puff 11-12/  
Sunshine 9-11  
Jeffrey Klemp Band 9/ Baseball 9 & 12/  
FFA 9/ Jazz Band 9/ K. Krazies 10-11 Morning  
League 11-12/ Special Olympics 9-12

Janelle Kondos Cheerleading 9-12/ Env. 9-11/  
FCA 10-11/ Foreign Lang. 9-11/ K. Krazies  
9-12/ Pathfinders 9-11/ P Puff 11-12/ SADD 9-10/  
Sho. Co. 10-12/ Sunshine 9-12/ Varsity 11  
Elizabeth Kreischer Cross Country 9-10/  
Env. 9/ FCA 9-11/ NHS 10-12/ Pathfinders 9-12/  
Peer Facil. 12/ Pioneer 9-12/ P Puff 11/  
SADD 12/ Sunshine 9-12/ Swimming 9-12/  
Tennis 9/ Varsity 9-10

Alyssa Kulken  
Kimberly Kuiper Band 9/ Chess 11/ Drama  
9-12/ FCA 9-10/ FFA 10-12/ Football 9/  
Foreign Lang. 9-11/ Jazz Band 9/ K. Krazies  
9-10/ NHS 11-12/ Orchestra 9/ Pathfinders 9-12/  
P Puff 11-12/ SADD 11-12/ Sunshine 9-12  
Seth Kulper Band 9/ Cheerleading 9-11/  
Choir 10/ Env. 9-12/ FCA 11/ Football 9-12/  
Foreign Lang. 9-11/ Kuglar Krazies 9-12/  
Pathfinders 9-12/ Powder Puff 12/ SADD 11-12/  
Varsity 10-12

Grace Gaiwiska



Jeremy Kinsman Band 9/ Baseball 9-12/  
Class Officer 11-12/ Env. 9-12/ FCA 10-12/  
Homecoming Court 12/ K. Krazies 9-12/  
NHS 10-12/ Path. 10-11/ SADD 10-12/ Stu  
Co. 9-12/ Tennis 10-12/ Varsity 10-12  
Brittany LaCasse  
Ting (Tiffany) Lam  
Nicholas Landry Band 9-10/ Chess 9/ Env.  
11-12/ Jazz Band 9-10/ K. Krazies 12/ SADD  
12/ Track 10-11/ Wrestling 10-11  
Matthew Lane Baseball 9-12/ Football 9/ K.  
Krazies 11/ SADD 12

#### Edward Lane

James Lewandowski Academic Teams 11-  
12/ Art 9-10/ Chess 9/ Golf 9-12/ Jazz Band 9-  
10/ K. Krazies 10-12/ NHS 10-12/ Pathfinders 10-11  
Scott Lewandowski Art 9-10/ Baseball 9/  
Chess 9/ K. Krazies 9-12/ SADD 11-12/ Stu.  
Co. 9-10  
Ashley Liston Academic Teams 10-12/  
Basketball 9-10/ Env. 10-11/ FCA 9-11/ K.  
Krazies 9-11/ NHS 10-12, pres. 12/ Pathfinders  
9-12/ Peer Facilit. 11/ Pioneer 11-13 P. Puff 11/  
Stu. Co. 10-11/ Sunshine 9-12, vice pres. 11, pres.  
12/ Tomia 9-12/ Volleyball 9-12  
Brittany Luketic Cheerleading 10-12,  
captain 10/ Cross Country 11/ FCCLA 12/ K.  
Krazies 9-12/ P. Puff 11-12/ SADD 10-12/ Sen.  
Leaders 12/ Sunshine 9-12

#### Tara Lupin FCCLA 12

Ashlee Matson Basketball 9-11/ K. Krazies  
9-12/ Newspaper 12/ Pathfinders 10-11/ Peer  
Facilit. 10-12/ Powder Puff 11-12/ SADD 12/  
Sabbath 9-11/ Yearbook 11-12, sports editor 12  
Jennifer Matzak  
David McIntosh Band 9-12  
Carla Medina



## Involvement; grades top list of senior regrets

Throughout high school years, everyone has made mistakes and some have regretted them. Some might say that they wished that they were more active, while others might say they should have made more friends or worked harder academically. Senior Jeffrey Klemp mentioned, "My regret was not joining more clubs and not playing more sports, I should have done more every year."

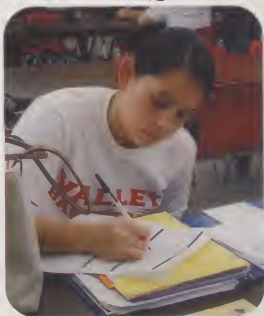
Even by not joining clubs and sports there were other opportunities that one could miss out on. Senior Joseph Peretin said, "My regrets were not participating in school events as much. Like this years pep session was a blast, I would have never thought that way in the years before."

As a senior focused just on his/her final days at school, regrets centered on the events he/she just

did not take the time or effort to do like going to the Senior Prom, taking senior pictures, ordering a ring, or personalizing a block on the senior wall.

One person who did not regret his curly hair was Benjamin Abbott who grew out his curly red hair to 10 inches so that he could donate it to Locks of Love. The difference in a 10 inch curl and a one inch curl could easily be seen in his senior picture which sported his longer hair.

Others, however, felt that regrets were a part of growing up. "When my parents moved from Sauk Village to Wheatfield when I was a sophomore, I felt totally alone. If I gotten involved the whole transition would have been easier. Fortunately, I joined yearbook and those people made me see that Jasper County wasn't all just cornfields," said Samantha Phillips.



Filling out an application, Kirsten Fifield utilizes her lunch time wisely. College and job applications were common sights for the seniors.



Samantha Phillips  
**Seniors 24**

# SENIORS

1. Andrew Talarek  
2. Katie Huhn  
3. Ryan Vanderlugt  
4. Kyle Jansma  
5. Elizabeth Sutton  
6. Jillian Golly

7. David Thompson  
8. Nelson Wilder  
9. Ashley Symanski  
10. Kevin Kampenga  
11. Jill DeVries and  
Taryn Porter



Amada Mendoza Basketball 9-11/ Class  
Officer 9/ K. Krazies 9/ Softball 9-12  
Aurora Mijares  
Gabriel Mijares Football 9/ Yearbook 9  
Shawn Mikus Em. 11-12/ FCA 9-12/ Football  
9-11/ Foreign Lang. 9-10/ K. Krazies 11-12/  
SADD 9-12/ Stu. Co. 12/ Tennis 12/ Track 9 &  
11/ Varsity 11-12  
Anthony Milbourn

Ryan Mooney  
Samantha Moran Band 9/ Drama 9/ FCA 9-  
11/ Golf 9-12/ K. Krazies 9-12/ Pioneerz 9-  
10/ P. Puff 11-12/ Sunshine 10-11/ Varsity 10-  
12/ Yearbook 11  
Ryan Musch  
Joshua Myers Choir 9-10 & 12/ K. Krazies  
9 & 11-12/ Pathfinders 9-11  
Jennifer Nannenga

Tiffany Nemtuda FFA 10-12 reporter 11-  
12/ Homecoming Court 12/ P. Puff 11-12/  
Sunshine 9-12  
Bryan Nieto  
Michael Nikiforev Choir 9  
Silvya Nikiforev Cheerleading 10/ Em.  
11-12/ K. Krazies 10-11/ Pathfinders 10/  
Sunshine 9-10/ Yearbook  
Joseph Ogilvie Chess Club 9/ Cross Country  
9-10/ FFA 9/ Football 10/  
K. Krazies 9-10/ Peer Faci. 12/ Track 9-10

By: Carrie Rice



# RECRUITING for the War

Opportunity waited just down the road for any Armed Forces enlistee according to the recruiters who visited the school. One person who believed in their promises was Senior Jeffrey Armstrong who mentioned that "I joined to protect the freedom that some people take for granted."

Learning valuable job skills and working as a member of an integral team were two qualities employers looked for and the Armed Forces offered was also an incentive.

Students joined for many reasons that the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and the National Guard had to offer. For example if a teen needed money for a good education, the government

offered 100% tuition assistance, along with thousands of dollars in student loans and enlistment bonuses. Another advantage of enlisting was a chance to travel, having career possibilities, staying healthy and in shape, and keeping skills sharp.

As of December '04 1% of the students had committed to the Armed Forces. Head Guidance Counselor Mrs. Lundie said, "The number one advantage to joining the Armed Forces is college money."

Senior Economics teacher, Mr. Post mentioned that the Armed Forces was a way to offer service to one's country, and an ability to help others. He added that it was an easy way to grow up.

Talking to a recruiter, senior Jeffrey Armstrong, who has already enlisted, receives information about the National Guard as senior Jennifer Matusiak listens closely to the recruiter's views. The Humvee is a vehicle that the National Guard uses in the US and Iraq.



by:  
Catie  
Rice

#### Tax Outzen

Ashley Padilla  
Megan Passalungho Basketball 9-12, capt. 12/  
Class Pres. 10/ Env. 9-11/ For. Lang. 9-11/ K.  
Krazies 9-12/ NHS 10-12/ Peer Facilit. 10-12/  
Pioneers 10-12/ P. Puff 11/ SADD 10-12/ Sen.  
Leaders 12/ Soccer 10/ Stu. Co. 10-12, v-pres. 11/  
Sunshine 9-11/ Tennis 9/ TFC 10-12/ Varsity 10-12  
Tara Pellegrini BPA 12/ Choir 9-12/ Color/  
Winter Guard 9-12, capt. 11/12/ K. Krazies 9-12/  
Pioneers 9-11/ P. Puff 12/ For. Lang. 9-12/ Track 10  
Joseph Peretin Baseball 9-12/ Basketball 9-12/  
Env. 11-12/ K. Krazies 9-12/ SADD 11-12/  
Varsity 12



Joanna Perzew Art 10/ Choir 9/ Drama 9-11/ FCA 9-11/  
For. Lang. 9/ K. Krazies 9-11/ NHS 10-12/ Path 9-12/  
P. Puff 11/ SADD 11/ Sunshine 9-11

#### Joseph Pettit

Samantha Phillips K. Krazies 11/ P. Puff 11-12/  
Quillit Scroll 11-12/ Sen. Leaders 12/  
Sunshine 11-12/ Yearbook 10-12, asst. ed. 12  
Tiffany Philpot BPA 10-12, pres. 12/ For. Lang. 10-12/  
K. Krazies 10-11/ Path. 9-10/ Peer Facilit./ P. Puff 11-12/  
Sunshine 9-10/ Swim 11-12  
David Plant Academic Teams 9-12/ Band 9-12/  
Drama 11-12/ For. Lang. 9-12/ Jazz Band 9-12/  
K. Krazies 11-12/ NHS 10-12/ Orchestra 10-11/  
Pathfinders 9-11/ SADD 11-12/ TFC 11-12



Cassandra Polise Basketball 9/ Choir 9-12/  
Drama 10-12/ FCA 11/ Golf 11-12/ K. Krazies 9 & 12/  
Pathfinders 10-12/ P. Puff 11-12/ Sunshine 9 & 11-12/  
Track 9-12/ Varsity 12

Cassandra Pollard Basketball 9-12/ K. Krazies 9-12/  
Path 11/ Peer Facilit. 9-11/ P. Puff 11-12/  
SADD 11-12/ Stu. Co. 10-12/ Sunshine 9-11/ TFC 10-11/  
Track 9-12/ Varsity 11-12



Taryn Porter Basketball 9-12, capt. 12/ FCA 9-12/  
K. Krazies 9-12/ Path 9-12/ SADD 12/ Sen. Leaders 12/  
Stu. Co. 10-12/ Sunshine 9-11/ Varsity 10-12/  
Volleyball 9-12, capt. 10-12

Zachary Prairie Baseball 9-12/ Basketball 9/ Env. 11-12/  
FCA 9-12/ Football 9-12/ K. Krazies 9-12/ Path 9-12/  
SADD 10-12/ Sen. Leaders 12/ Varsity 10-12



Tara Pellegrini

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Lindsay Reed Env. 9-10/ FCA 9-11/ K. Krazies 9-12/ Pathfinders 9-12/ P. Puff 12/ SADD 11-12/ Sunshine 9-12/ Tennis 9-12/ Volleyball 9-12/ Matthew Reichert Baseball 9-12/ Chess 9-10/ Drama 9-11/ Env. 10-12/ FCA 12/ Foreign Lang. 9-10/ K. Krazies 9-12/ SADD 9-12/ Tennis 12  
 Carrie Rice Art 12/ Cheerleading 9-10/ Drama 12/ Env. 9-11/ Foreign Lang. 11/ Golf 11/ K. Krazies 9-10/ Pathfinders 9-10/ P. Puff 11/ Spirit Stick 11-12/ StuCo. 10-11/ Yearbook 9 & 12  
 Jeremy Rozhon Baseball 9-10 & 12/ Homecoming Escort 12  
 Thomas Sandoz Football 9-12

Kristen Schultz Choir 9-11/ Foreign Lang. 11/ K. Krazies 9-11/ P. Puff 11/ Sunshine 9-10  
 Jeff Schumacher Art 12/ Chess 9/ Mirage 10-12  
 Michelle Schurman Band 9/ Basketball 9-12/ Choir 9-12/ Class Officer 12/ Env. 9/ FCA 9-12/ K. Krazies 9-12/ NHS 10-12/ Pathfinders 9-12/ Peer Facilit. 10/ SADD 11-12/ Stu. Co. 10-12/ Sunshine 9-12/ Tennis 9-12/ Varsity 11-12/ Volleyball 9-12  
 Amanda Schutz Choir 10-12/ Drama 10/ Mirage 12/ Newspaper 11/ Pathfinders 10 & 12/ Sunshine 10-12  
 Logan Sessions

Zachary Sessions Cross Country 9-10/ Env. 10-12/ NHS 10-12/ Track 9/ Varsity 12/ Wrestling 9-12  
 Sheri Shagha Shamlon Exchange Student  
 Bradley Shearer  
 William Shultz  
 Douglas Shupe Cheerleading 10/ Choir 10-12/ K. Krazies 9/ Sunshine 11



Brian Grady



Scott Lewandowski and Shawn Mikus



Megan Bierna

Senior Powder Puff Players



Lindsey Brooker



Cassandra Pollard



## Reserves; active duty net dreams for Armstrong; Mendoza

Senior Amanda Mendoza's military occupational is 92-Y. She is in the unit of Supply Specialist and has trained a total of 18 weeks. Nine weeks in Fort Jackson, South Carolina and another nine weeks in Fort Lee, Virginia. She plans to go to college in Valparaiso for nursing or surgical tech. She will be serving in the Army Reserves.

Senior Jeffrey Armstrong is in Infantry and he returns for extensive training. It was a requirement of a total of two weeks during summer time. In order to join he had an extensive search of his history, flexibility, and overall physical standards. "I have learned integrity, how to be neater, and how to be more proper in a job. Speaking more clearly is a major importance in the military," said Armstrong.



Andrew Naughton



Timothy Singleton  
Janie-Slepka Choir 9-10 & 12 / Sunshine 10  
Brian Sisco  
Emily Smith Choir 9-12 / Drama 9-12 / Pres.  
12 / Homecoming Court 9 and 12 / Queen 12 /  
K. Krazies 9 / NHS 10-12 / Pathfinders 9 and 12 /  
Puff 11 / Sunshine 9-12 / Adv. Concert Choir 10-12  
Ahl Jo Snyder Choir 9-11 / Soccer 10-11 / Stu.  
Co. 10 / Sunshine 9-11

Jennifer Sonntag P. Puff 11-12 / Sunshine 9  
Steven Sopch  
Adam Stout  
Christine Sullivan  
Elizabeth Sutton Advanced Concert Choir 9-  
12 / Cheerleading 9 / Choir 9-12 / Drama 10 /  
Environmental 9-10 / K. Krazies 9 & 12 /  
Pathfinders 9-12 / P. Puff 11-12 / Prom Committee  
11 / Prom Court 11 / Prom Princess 11 / SADD  
11-12 / Sen. Leaders 12 / Stu. Co. 9 / Sunshine  
9-10 & 12 /

Ashley Symanski  
Stephen Symanski  
Andrew Takarek  
Ashley Tillma Drama 9-12 / K. Krazies 9-  
12 / NHS 10-12 / Pathfinders 9-12, pres. 11-12 /  
P. Puff 11 / Sunshine 9-12  
Michael Torblitt Academic Teams 10 /  
Baseball 9-12 / Basketball 11, girls manager  
9 / Chess 9 / Class Officer 10 & 12 / Env. 10-12 /  
FCA 11-12 / Football 9 / Foreign Lang. 10 /  
Kougar Court 11 / K. Krazies 9-12 / NHS 10-12 /  
SADD 9-12 / Sen. Leaders 12 / Stu. Co. 12 /  
Tennis 10-12 / Varsity 11-12

Jimmy Tremblay BPA 9-12, secretary 10-11,  
vice president 12 / Drama 12 / Env. 9 / Foreign  
Lang. 10-12 / K. Krazies 9-12 / Newspaper 9 /  
SADD 9 / Yearbook 9 & 12  
Bertil Carl Valenkamp Basketball 9-12, JV  
captain 10 / Class Officer 9 & 11 / Env. 9 & 11-  
12 / Exchange Student (Hosted) 11 / FCA 9-12 /  
Morning League 10-12 / Peer Facilit. 12 / Prom  
Committee 11 / SADD 9-12, pres. 11-12 / Senior  
Leaders 12 / Stu. Co. 9-12 / Tennis 11-12 / TFC  
11-12 / Varsity 12 / Youth Ambassador 9  
Jason VanBuren  
Ryan Vanderburg FCA 9-12 / Football 9-12 / Golf 9 /  
Kougar/Krazies 9-12 / Swimming 9 / Track 10-11 / Varsity  
11-12  
Ashley Vanhook Choir 9-12 / Drama 9-12 / Env. 9 /  
K. Krazies 9-10 & 12 / Media 10 / Pathfinders 9-12 /  
Puff 11-12 / Sunshine 9-12 / Swimming 9-12 / Track 11



# A Chance to Vote

by:  
Sam  
Phillips



"Although I wasn't old enough to vote, I am registered, and I did follow the debates. I wish I could have voted because one vote does make a difference."

-Michelle Anderson

For many Seniors, the election of 2004 was a huge deal. It was the first time that they were able to vote for the President. Some took advantage of this responsibility. Out of the 137 Seniors surveyed 41.6% were not old enough to vote. Out of the 56.9% that were old enough, 33.3% didn't vote, 7.7% voted Kerry, 42.3% voted for President Bush, 16.7% voted anonymously

and 1.4% disputed the question. Some of the reasons that Seniors voted for Bush were his high moral standards, his new ideas for social security, and the fact they could trust him, not to mention they felt that Kerry was too "wishy washy." Dyanna Hamstra said, "I liked Bush's conservative values and straight forward style. I respect him for his diligence in protecting our nation and honorable character."



Ashlee Matson

**Seniors 28**

Voting isn't just for our Presidential elections. We vote for many things in our society and in our school. In Mr. Epley's class, students made scare crows which were judged to see which one was the best. Michael Wood's scarecrow won second place.



## Class of '05 Not Pictured:

Jeffrey Armstrong  
Justin Barcelli  
Alesia Borden  
Mathew Brumley  
Humberto Castillo  
Edgar Clemente  
Troy Colbert  
Scott Craighead  
Michael Freville  
Todd Hepworth  
Jerrold Martinez

Andrew Naughton  
Victoria Onderwater  
Christopher O'Brien  
Brian Paschke  
Jennifer Pastry  
Keith Pointer  
Ashley Rentschler  
Elijah Richardson  
Robin Roberts  
Joseph Roorda  
Joseph Rupprath

Rocio Ruvalcaba  
Jeffrey Shelhart  
Patrick Simmons  
Nathan Simpson  
Samantha Stone  
Alexander Taylor  
David Thompson  
Anh To  
Adam Werkema  
Robert Whited  
Johnathan Wiltang



**Brian Volk**  
Larry Waddell Kougars Krazies 9/ Soccer 9  
Alexsha Wall BPA 9-10/ Cross Country 9-  
12/ Env. 9-10/ K. Krazies 9-12/ P. Puff 11-12/  
SADD 11/ Stu Co. 10-12/ Sunshine 9-12/  
Swimming 9-12/ Track 9-12/ Varsity 10-12



Alexander Warren Band 9-12/ Jazz Band 9-  
12/ Newspaper 9-12, editor 10-12/ Quill &  
Scroll 11-12/ Soccer 9-12  
Brittany Warren Env. 11/ K. Krazies 9-11/  
P. Puff 11-12/ Soccer 9-12, captain 12/ Sunshine  
9-12  
Gabrielle Waughman  
Joshua Westphal BPA 12/ Choir 9-11/  
Foreign Lang. 12/ K. Krazies 12/ SADD 12  
William Whited Drama 10-12/ FCA 9-10/  
Foreign Lang. 9-12, vice  
pres. 12/ Golf 9-12/ K. Krazies 9-12/ Media  
10/ Pathfinders 9-12/ Peer Facilit. 10-12/ SADD  
11/ Swimming 9-12, captain 12/ TFC 11-12/  
Varsity 11-12



Tracy Whitesell Band 9-12  
Nelson Wilder Basketball 9-12/ Cross  
Country 12/ Env. 9-12/ FCA 9-12/ Foreign  
Lang. 9-10/ Golf 9/ Homecoming Court 9/ K.  
Krazies 9-12/ Pathfinders 9-12/ Peer Facilit.  
9-10/ SADD 9-12/ Soccer 9-11/ TFC 9-12/ Track  
11-12/ Varsity 9-12  
April Williams Choir 9-12, librarian 10,  
secretary 12/ Drama 10/ FYCLA 12 vice pres.  
12/ Kougars Krazies 9-10/ Powder Puff 11/  
Sunshine 9-10  
Domonic Willis Chess 9/ Cross Country 9-  
12/ Drama 12/  
Env. 9-12/ FCA 9-12/ Foreign Lang. 9-12/ K.  
Krazies 9/ Pathfinders 9-12/ Track 9-12/  
Varsity 9-12/ Wrestling 9-12  
Ryan Wilson Chess Club 9/ Env. 10/ Foreign  
Lang. 10-12/ Honors Program Krefeld 2004  
Participant 11



Margaret Wood Academic Teams 10-12/  
Band 9-10/ Foreign Lang. 11-12/ Kougars  
Krazies 12/ Powder Puff 11-12/ Sunshine 9  
Michael Wood  
Ryan Wynkoop Academic Teams 9-12/ Band  
9-12/ Chess Club 9/ FFA 9-12, secretary 9, pres.  
10-11/ District Officer 12/ Foreign Lang. 11-12/  
Jazz Band 9/ Peer Facilit. 10-12  
Rachel Yark Foreign Lang. 12/ Pathfinders  
9-10/ Yearbook 11-12, business editor 12/  
Memory 12  
John Zanic



Abrell, Shannon  
 Acevedo, Vanessa  
 Allen, Jazmyn  
 Ammerman, Cheri  
 Anderson, Alicia  
 Anderson, Megan  
 Antkowiak, Ashley  
 Antkowiak, Eric

Aurelia, Krista  
 Baccino, Destiny  
 Barcelli, Randi  
 Barrera, Carrie  
 Baumgart, Carrie  
 Berns, Kimberly  
 Boer, Sara  
 Boggs, Kelly

Boissy, Derek  
 Bonesteel, Ashlee  
 Bonilla, Clarisa  
 Boyer, Casey  
 Boyer, Shane  
 Broholm, Daniel  
 Bryan, Benjamin  
 Burns, Markus

Carter, Jessica  
 Cavinder, Skyler  
 Chevrete, Brittanie  
 Coffey, Cassandra  
 Collins, Tashena  
 Conley, Samantha  
 Cooper, Ashley  
 Coulter, Joshua

Culbreth, Ayla  
 Cunningham, Emma



Painting another student face during lunch, Rachel Kikkert shows her spirit. Painting Faces was a Fourth hour activity going on in the drive thru window in the cafeteria. "Although the face paintings didn't always turn out right. It was a lot of fun," said Kikkert.

During Homecoming Week, Kelly Boggs and Samantha Conley show their school spirit by tracing their hands to look like turkeys. "Spirit Week was so much fun. We did this poster to earn more points for the spirit stick," replied Boggs.





Davis, Troy  
DeBold, Dianne  
DeKock, Brian  
Delehanty, Robert  
Dempsey, Lukas  
Deubel, Daniel  
DeVries, Ashton  
DeVries, Brandy

Dickerson, Carri  
Dickerson, Cassy  
Drake, Heather  
Drake, Tyler  
Dykstra, Ann  
Evans, Amanda  
Fraleigh, Patrick  
Gibson, Joshua

Green, Miranda  
Griede, Dennis  
Gross, Kyle  
Grund, Gregory  
Hagan, Breann  
Hamstra, Jason  
Hamstra, Matthew  
Hansen, Herlof

Havens, Royce  
Hayes, Matthew  
Hebda, Aaron  
Heckman, Cecilia  
Hernandez, Maria  
Herr, Bradley  
Herrera, Nancy  
Hilton, Ryan

# The Countdown begins

Three...Two...One! The countdown began in August. Juniors counted the 185 days until they officially became an upperclassmen. The class officers were Allison Plopper (President), Rachel Kikkert (Vice President), Ryan Smeltzer (Treasurer and Destiny Baccino (Secretary). Junior class sponsors were Mrs. Heather Carey and Mrs. Jill Steiner.

One major highlight of the junior year was PowderPuff. This was the year when Juniors finally got the right to be able to get dirty with the pigskin - an All American event.

Alana Williams said, "I loved how we all came together as a team and worked with each other. Unfortunately, we lost to the seniors but we still had a blast."

By: Siobhan Urbano

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Juniors got cleaned up and danced the night away at the annual Homecoming Dance and the Junior - Senior Prom.

"I was so excited about going to Prom on May 14. Dances were something that I look forward to every year," said, Caitlin Sitterma.

When it came time in the fall to nominate the Class Homecoming Court Representative, there was a lot of competition going on between the Junior girls. Common words being used were "Who are you going to vote for? or Will you vote for me?" After all the commotion, Emma Cunningham was announced the winner. Her most memorable moment was getting to ride in the horse carriage with the rest of the Homecoming Court. Emma said, "That was a ton of fun." The carriage was a new addition to the Homecoming festivities. It replaced the Corvettes.



Hoffman, Keith  
Hoffman, Scott  
Hoover, Travis  
Hopkins, Jonathon  
Hubbelling, Katherine  
Huff, Krin  
Hutts, Cody  
Jackson, Jeremy



Jestes, Daniel  
Johns, Cody  
Jones, Garry  
Jungels, Jessi  
Kania, James  
Kappes, Lori  
Keilman, Maureen  
Kikkert, Rachel



Killion, April  
Klicek, Allison  
Klunder, Melanie  
Kmieciak, Philip  
Knip, Amy  
Koedyker, Patrick  
Krueger, James  
Krupchak, Landen



Kurowsky, Jennifer  
Kutscher, John  
Lanari, David  
Lane, Tabitha  
Lange, Kendra  
Laski, Lauren  
Lewandowski, Cassie  
Lewis, Benjamin



Livengood, Alexis  
Logan, Holly  
Lomas, Steven  
Luckey, William  
Luedtke, Nicole  
Luke, Thomas  
Luzadder, Loren  
Mann, Stephani



"My Mom is my role model because she is hardworking and gives good advice and is understanding." Junior Nichole Wildrick



"My mom is my role model because she is hard working, smart and understanding. She is a very giving person and doesn't take things for granted." Junior Alana Williams



"My dog Jake is my role model. He doesn't care about appearance, and it doesn't matter who you are or what you do. That is what everyone

should be like with a fun and laid back attitude." Junior Ben Stein

By: Sarah Salamah



Nichole Luedtke



Martin, Ashley  
Martin, Steven  
Mayermk, Robert  
McDaniel, Adam  
Mendoza, Daniel  
Mikuly, Amanda  
Miles, Christine  
Miller, Ashley

Miranda, Nicholas  
Misch, Adam  
Misiak, Katherine  
Mital, Jacob  
Moore, Samantha  
Moran, Elizabeth  
Morenz, William  
Morris, Joshua

Mullins, Andrew  
Murray, Ashley  
Myers, Thomas  
Nieto, Eric  
Nikolas, Mark  
Nore, Theodore  
Nuss, Jessica  
Oezer, Carlin

Onderwater, Erica  
Patrick, Cole  
Patrick, Sean  
Patton, Brittany  
Penning, Emily  
Perez, Ismael  
Peterson, Ashlie  
Phillips, Brandon

Pierson, Ashley  
Pirlot, Shannon  
Plopper, Allison  
Poisel, Stephanie  
Polomchak, Stacey  
Prentoski, Kara  
Pritt, Jacob  
Prochno, Patrick

## Role models inspire improvements in teens

According to Webster's Dictionary, a role model is "A person who is unusually effective or inspiring in some social role and so serves as a model for another or others."

Role models are an important part of the American teen culture. Some of the selections included a rock star, an athlete, and a family member. Whoever the model, it is what the student learned from him/her that has been important.

Junior Shannon Pirlot said, "My role model is my daughter, Harmony, who changed my life completely. It may be hard at times to go to school and take care of a child, but it's worth it." Although Shannon's role model may not fit the traditional definition, she definitely inspires Shannon to improve her life and thereby improve the life of her child.

Junior Dan Deubel said "My role model is Bradley James Nowell from the alternative band Sublime. He lived his life day by day and had no regrets about what he did."

Role models are an important quality to have in one's life. They give a person someone to look up to and help make them a better person. It doesn't matter what age you are, you will

always have that one special person to admire.

For Junior Mallory Wierzb, God is her role model. "When asked to choose my role model the first person on my mind would have to be God. Who better of a person to conform to in this way? He sets a good example for me to follow in every day life, and he's always there for me to lean on for support in whatever I need. He's like my ultimate best friend because He listens."

Listening and inspiring were two qualities that dominated the role model question. One final response came from the Junior History teacher Mrs. Pat Price who added, "Jesus Christ is my role model, He gave us the perfect example of how to live our lives, and how to love, serve and help all people. I know I fall far short of what I should do." Mrs. Price however, may not realize that she has been a role model for others as she tirelessly works in the community to raise funds to help pay Nick Tysen's cancer bills, the cost of Mrs. Wireman's liver transplant, and the ongoing expenses of the Nimetz family.



# Music unites Junior class

"The art of giving structural form of a rhythmic pattern to combinations of sound produced instrumentally or vocally." is the definition of music.

Junior Nikolas Sowa said, "I play the drums for a metal band called 'The Nightmare Affair'. We hope to get a label soon, but we're really not worried. We just want to make good music."

Other members in the band were sophomore Shane Coppotelli who played the guitar, senior Jonathan Delger who played bass guitar, and senior Steven Sopcich who was the main vocalist in this heavy metal group.

For the Junior class, there were many different categories of music represented by musicians in the class including, pop, rap, hip-hop, oldies, jazz, alternative, rock, classical and country. No matter what category they all had one thing in common the musicians all loved to make music.

Junior Andrew Mullins said, "I'm with the band called, 'The Viscids.' We play rock and roll, and I play the bass guitar. I love the band and how the music makes me happy." The other people who played in the band were Junior Daniel

Broholm who played guitar, Junior Kyle Gross who played the drums, and Steven Trathen of Portage who also played guitar.

In addition to making musicians happy, music has been known to be the "Universal language of mankind that starts with one note and blooms into vibes that touch the souls of the nation and can change the lives of many."

This is a true statement for Junior Heather Drake who said, "Music can definitely touch someone without them seeing it. Music has had a huge impact on me, and I love how it has."

Garage bands dominated the music scene as Student Council supported their efforts in the Friday morning coffee house from 7:30 to 8:00. Garage bands also searched for fame through many different ways such as open mic night, opening for a larger band, playing for benefits, the Oscars, private parties and dances. Junior Kimberly Berns said, "Interviewing bands for the newspaper really gave me an idea of how much time, effort and dedication these local garage bands put forth to become known." Irregardless of their talent or fame, members of the garage bands simply enjoyed the music they created.

Rice, Carly  
Richardson, Joshua  
Ridge, Robert  
Riley, Thomas  
Rios, Jesse  
Rivera, Adderli  
Roelfs, Steven  
Salamah, Sarah

Serocinski, Colin  
Serocinski, Logan  
Shadwell, Daniel  
Shaffer, Heather  
Sharp, Ruth  
Shepherd, Lyle  
Sittima, Caitlin  
Smeltzer, Ryan

Smith, Joshua  
Snow, Amanda  
Sowa, Niklaus  
Stafford, William  
Stansberry, Ashley  
Stein, Benjamin  
Stokes, Johnathan  
Stump, David

Sullivan, Eric  
Sutton, Brittany  
Thomas, Lucas  
Thompson, Amanda  
Thys, Jessica  
Tillema, Jeremy  
Tomich, Alyssa  
Travers, Christina



Jeremy Jackson

By: Sarah Salamah

Posing for a standing shot of the band: The Viscids, are junior Daniel Broholm, Steven Trathen of Portage, junior Kyle Gross and junior Andrew Mullins. The band has been together almost four years. In that time they have grown musically, mentally and made better friendships with each other. They have played a lot of shows and had much exposure to their friends and peers in this area.



Not Pictured: Nathan Burgess, Joshua Cambe, Jan-Hendri Dannheisig, Cody Feltes, Heather Hinkle, Troy Jackson, Jacob Lemmon, Jerica Whitlock.

Members of The Nightmare Affair are senior Jonathan Delger, juniors Nik Sowa, Steven Sopcich, and sophomore Shane Copatelli. The band has been together for almost a year and has played five shows in the area.



Tronjo, Ashley  
Turnpaugh, Kyle  
Urbano, Siobhan  
Vanderlugt, Laura  
VanderWoude, Ashley  
VanKley, Carmen  
VanVuren, Zachary

VanWienen, Jordon  
Wagner, William  
Wallenstein, Sally  
Walstra, Christopher  
Walters, Amber  
Warner, Michael  
Wenger, Megan  
Whirley, Jessica

Wicker, Matthew  
Wierzb, Mallory  
Wildrick, Nachole  
Wilkinson, Brandy  
Williams, Alana  
Wiltfang, Jonathan  
Winter, Brian

Wireman, Darren  
Wright, Nichole  
Wyrick, Greg  
Zak, Joshua  
Zarnowski, Nick  
Zarnowski, Simon  
Zavala, Jason  
Zuchowski, Kevin



Alexander, Stevie  
Almira, Rojelly  
Anderson, Jodi  
Armstrong, Sheena  
Atchley, Sara  
Axtell, Keith  
Ayersman, Robert  
Baile, Joshua



Barr, Adam  
Barrera, Joseph  
Beeching, Michael  
Beedle, Daniel  
Bell, Molly  
Bennett, Tara  
Bestich, Frank  
Betts, Jacob



Bicek, Shawn  
Bifoss, Cory  
Birky, Hannah  
Boling, Stephanie  
Boring, Alexa  
Bowen, Sam  
Bowman, Adam  
Brasel, Natalie



Bray, William  
Brown, Nicole  
Brubaker, Lauren  
Caballero, Crystal  
Campbell, Phillip  
Carlson, Kevin  
Cazares, Merari  
Cencion, Stacey



Christian, Anastasia  
Ciers, Bruce  
Clark, Bethany  
Clifton, Wesley  
Cochran, Jeremy  
Cole, Christopher  
Collins, Michael  
Cooley, Thomas



Coppotelli, Shane  
Culpepper, Benjamin  
Curry, Jonathan



Cusack, Patrick  
Cusack, Timothy  
Daniels, Melanie



Davis, Brooke  
Davis, Jennifer  
Davis, Tonya



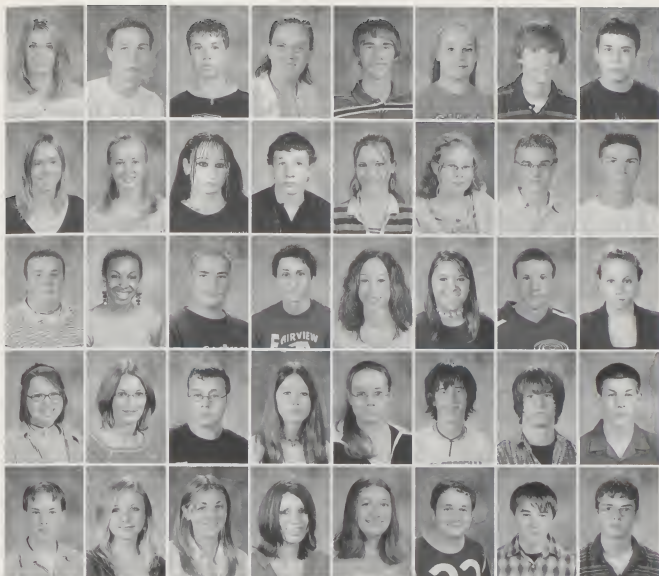
By: Olivia Ortiz



Improving vocabulary comes in many sophomores Scot Wilder, Frankie formats in second year Spanish. Bestich, Tom Cooley, Adam Playing Scrabble in Mrs. Smith's McDaniel and Allison Schultz. fourth hour Spanish class were



Samantha Medina



Defries, Candace  
Dempsey, Jeremiah  
Demske, Trevor  
Devries, Dayna  
Devries, Steven  
Disney, Stacey  
Dobin, Matthew  
Donaldson, Christopher

Donis, Angela  
Drake, Kelly  
Duncan, Tracie  
Earl, Jeremy  
Fasto, Melissa  
Eich, Sarah  
Epley, Nathan  
Estrada, Jacob

Farrell, Jordan  
Fayson, Bridgid  
Ferguson, Andrew  
Fernandez, Jacob  
Fifield, Kirah  
Flores, Crystal  
Floyd, Todd  
Forden, Maggie

Fox, Rebecca  
Frederich, Mary  
Frederick, Jeremy  
Fritz, Jessica  
Garcia, Geena  
Garling, Adam  
Garrison, Joshua  
Gaskey, Justin

Gillespie, Steven  
Gooden, Amber  
Graham, Heather  
Greenlee, Erica  
Gunter, Karleen  
Hall, Joshua  
Ham, Bryan  
Hamstra, Brent

# Sophomores lead the way

Led by an all male crew, the 267 member class of '07 selected Jodi Anderson, as their Homecoming Court representative. "Being a Homecoming court representative was a real honor. It was one of the most fun things I was ever a part of. I had a really great time representing my sophomore class" said Jodi Anderson. She was escorted by Sean Nannenga.

Sophomore Homecoming display decorated the business entrance area with bales of straw, artificial grass, pumpkins, barn doors, and seed bags from Belstra's. The \$3.00 class dues helped pay for the expenses of all the decorations.

In the Indiana Leadership Competition Bethany Clark and Daniel Lewallen were selected

to attend the Indiana Leadership Seminar and Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program (HOBY) Seminar respectively. "It was a great honor to be chosen to go to HOBY. I worked hard on my essay, and it felt good to be recognized" said Daniel Lewallen.

Bethany Clark commented, "I was surprised at first, but I also felt honored." Alternate was Mary Kathryn Frederich.

In December, Sophomores sponsored a food drive which donated over 400 cans of food to the local food pantry. "The food drive was a great way to raise food for the people in need. I really thought it was a good idea," said Heather McCaulley. Sophomore class officers included Sean Warren as the secretary, Joshua Baiel as treasurer, Derek Kunzman as vice president, and Josh Hall as president. Sponsor was Mrs. Kathy McKinney.



Hanaway, Shannidy  
Hancock, Brittany  
Hasch, Melissa  
Hatch, Steven  
Herendeen, Crystal  
Hershman, Andrew  
Hilton, Randall  
Hinchy, Emily

Hoffman, Brittany  
Hornback, Desiree  
Huff, James  
Huff, Sarah  
Ivanov, Samantha  
Iversen, Rande  
Jackson, Amanda  
Jackson, Nathan

Janavich, Anne  
Jansma, Cody  
Jenkins, Christopher  
Jenkins, Marci  
Jestes, Amber  
Johnson, Ashley  
Johnson, Brian  
Jones, Brandon

Jones, Bryan  
Jones, Carianne  
Jonkman, Ashley  
Kearney, Jason  
Keefer, Ashley  
Keilman, Krystal  
Kennedy, Edmund  
Kent, Joseph

Kerkes, Bradley  
Kingma, Jorie  
Klemp, Kevin  
Klingaman, Maria  
Knoblock, George  
Kunzman, Derek  
Kwasniewski, Daniel  
Landis, Stephanie



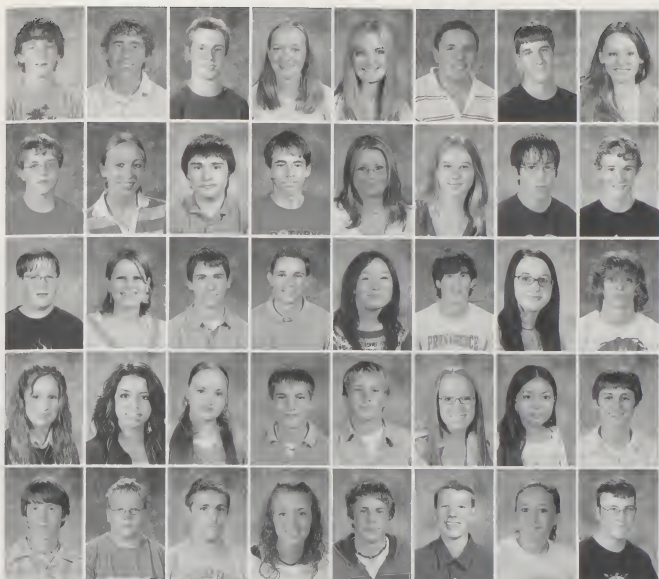
"Although us kids might not like them, I see how curfews are a good thing to have and how they help people in the long run. Yet I don't have one, so it does not really effect me in any way at all," said sophomore Christopher Jenkins.



Sophomore Hannah Birky said, "I don't really have a curfew when I go out on school nights. I also usually come home at a reasonable time anyways. I come home whenever I want on weekends, I just let them know when I get home."

"I think there is no real point in having a curfew. Kids should be able to stay out as late as they want. Sometimes my friends and I walk to each others houses, and we get in trouble for it. I just don't think it's right," commented sophomore Joshua Marshall.





Landry, Sean  
Lewallen, Daniel  
Lewandowski, Matt  
Livengood, Tiffany  
Loden, Kelly  
Longoria, Andrew  
Lotz, Joshua  
Luttringer, Sarah

Mandeville, Timothy  
Marlatt, Lauren  
Marquez, Juan  
Marshall, Joshua  
McCarty, Brandy  
McCauley, Heather  
McCoy, Matthew  
McDaniel, Travis

McGaha, Timothy  
McGraw, Courtne  
McKee, Andrew  
McMillan, Jeffery  
Medina, Samantha  
Melton, Mark  
Merryman, Melanie  
Mestrovich, Christopher

Meyer, Jen  
Mijares, Viviana  
Miller, Stephanie  
Mills, Alex  
Misch, Matthew  
Moran, Michelle  
Moreno, Jennifer  
Morse, Corey

Myers, Donny  
Myers, Garrett  
Nannenga, Joshua  
Nannenga, Kelsey  
Nannenga, Sean  
Newton, Rick  
Niemic, Brittany  
O'Brien, Matthew

# How late is too late?

How late was too late for the sophomores? That was the question most of the sophomore class had asked as they got out of school. Some of the sophomores had to be home at a certain time on school nights, and then their parents loosened up on weekends. Sophomore Bryan Jones commented, "My curfew is 10:30 on weekdays and 11:30 on weekends. I hate curfews, I feel that people should get to stay out as long as they want."

English teacher Mrs. Belieci would disagree, "Curfews help kids set boundaries and keep them out of dangerous situations. Also I don't think that the curfew time should be decided by law enforcement officials."

To some students curfews didn't effect their lives, they just wanted to come home early and call it a day. "I only have curfews on weekends, and I am usually in bed by 9:30 anyways so curfew does not really effect me in any way," said sophomore Jacob Fernandez.

A DeMotte Police Station representative said, "Curfew for the local area is 11:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays, and for Friday through Saturday it is 1:00 a.m. If the kids had been caught breaking curfew, they would have had their parents notified, and the police officer would have taken them home."

Some students had a curfew based on trust. Sophomore Whitney Rayonec commented, "I think curfew isn't too bad depending on what time you are allowed to stay out until. My curfew is 12:30, and if I am able to maintain my parents trust, my curfew time will get later every year."

In many ways curfew was bad to some people, and was a good thing in sophomores' lives. Even though many sophomores had disagreed on curfew, it still did not change the minds of the parental figures and/or the DeMotte Police Department.

By: Olivia Ortiz



# Start your engines

As Sophomores started their engines, some took time to think about driving. Sophomore Matthew Oliver said, "Driving is not as much about you as it is other drivers. You can be the best driver in the world, and you can still get into an accident."

"When I first got my license I was so excited, then one day I was driving home and had got into a car accident. I was so scared after that," said sophomore Lindsey Shea.

Another quality of driving was freedom. Once Sophomores passed the driving test, classmates began asking the proverbial question: Can I have a ride? I just can't take another day on the big yellow bus.

Sophomore Daniel Sharp said, "I'll give you gas money if you take me home, or my favorite line is my house isn't out of your way at all, I promise." Getting the ride was not always the problem. Sophomores raced to their cars as fast as they could to get out of giving rides.

Sophomore Crystal Flores said, "The best line to get out of having to give a ride is to say, Sorry I can't give you a ride home, my mom is making me follow the three month rule, and if I get caught, my car will be taken away."

As Sophomores soon found out, driving wasn't always fun and games. Not having your own car was a big problem. "Not having my own car isn't too much fun, because you can't go places when you want to, and I hate borrowing my mom's car," said sophomore Dustin Wilson.

Also gas prices were sky high at over \$2.00 per gallon. When asked about the price increase, sophomore Jacob Smith commented, "Ever since the gas price increased, I have not been able to do the things that I want to do after school gets out because I don't have any extra money to get gas. Also, my truck takes a lot of gas to get places." The year for the new Sophomore drivers was mostly about driving and all the freedom.

O'Neal, Kevin  
Odle, Megan  
Olive, Colleen  
Oliver, Matthew  
Ooms, Johnathon  
Ortiz, Olivia  
Patton, Matthew  
Peacock, Thomas



Peo, Matthew  
Perez, Ana  
Pilachowski, Nicole  
Pilarczyk, Melissa  
Polomchak, Jason  
Proffock, Matthew  
Rainwater, Stephanie  
Randolph, Aleah



Randolph, Justin  
Rayonce, Whitney  
Rentschler, Breann  
Richardson, Kyle  
Richart, Amanda  
Riley, Cody  
Ritchie, Tyler  
Rodriguez, Juan



Roorda, Christine  
Sandonato, Abigail  
Scheidt, Jacquelyne  
Schmidt, Daniel  
Schultz, Alison  
Schultz, Nathan  
Scott, Brittany  
Sears, Jared



Seegers, Clint  
Seegers, Cody  
Seitzinger, Ryan  
Shea, Lindsey  
Smith, Christopher  
Smith, Jacob  
Spencer, Travis  
Staples, Michael



Adam Zents



Not Pictured: Darrin DeBold  
Kevin Johnson  
Kyle Richardson  
Stevie Sadowski  
Daniel Sharp

Samantha Sloan  
Ashley Thomas  
Melanie Valdez  
Bill VanderWoude

By: Olivia  
Ortiz

Some had a different viewpoint on driving. Sophomore Andrew Hershman preferred to drive his tractor rather than his car. He said, "Driving a tractor is harder, you always have to be cautious. It also is twice as wide as driving a car." Hershman drove in the Touch of Dutch parade in September.



Starzynski, David  
Stassin, Bradley  
Stein, Emily



Stoermann, Nathanale  
Stout, Courtney  
Strandberg, Ryan



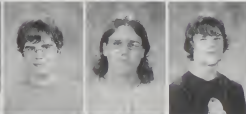
Studer, Elizabeth  
Surber, Andrew  
Swartz, Joseph  
Sytsma, Clay



Szostek, Michael  
Talarack, Stephanie  
Terborg, Michael  
Thomas, William  
Tidwell, Julie  
Tillema, Dean  
Tillema, Elizabeth  
Tilley, Donald



Tisdale, Tiffany  
Tobias, Lindsey  
Tomaszewski, Nichole  
Tucker, Shane  
Vankley, Morgan  
Verthein, Joseph  
Virgin, Justin  
Wagner, Anastasia



Warrcn, Sean  
Wease, Christian  
Weaver, Elizabeth  
Whitaker, Evan  
Whitaker, Timothy  
Whitford, Lawrence  
Whitlock, Jeff  
Wilder, Scott



Williamson, Jodi  
Willis, Daine  
Wilson, Dustin  
Wilson, Trent  
Wood, Angela  
Wood, Daryl  
Wood, John  
Wood-Cleck, William



Woods, Keely  
Wray, Jessica  
Wright, Nick  
Wyrick, Kristina  
Yack, Brianne  
Zavalta, Ashley  
Zavalta, Jorge  
Zentz, Adam



Adams, Zachary  
Alcorn, Danielle  
Allen, Kelsey  
Alvarado, Eric



Antkowiak, Matthew  
Arizmendi, Delia  
Arlandson, Steven  
Armstrong, Jonathan



Asbridge, Nathan  
Barcelli, Joseph  
Betancourt, Adam  
Bicek, Joseph



Bishop, Megan  
Boezeman, Ryan  
Boufis, Peggy  
Bristol, Jacob  
Brockway, Tonya



Brown, Sarah  
Bryson, Jessica  
Bullard, Jennifer  
Burton, John  
Byers, Alex



As the semester closes, freshman English teacher Mrs. Tara Kingma answers review questions for freshman Brooke Shoemaker. Mrs. Kingma also used the time to show each student his/her grade for the term that ended before Christmas.



Covered in pickle juice, Freshman Adam Betancourt takes part in the pickle eating contest during lunch. The contest was part of Student Council's Homecoming festivities.

Before the Homecoming game, a pep session was held in the school gymnasium that featured lip syncs from each grade. Freshmen won first place in the lip sync competition with a medley of country songs.

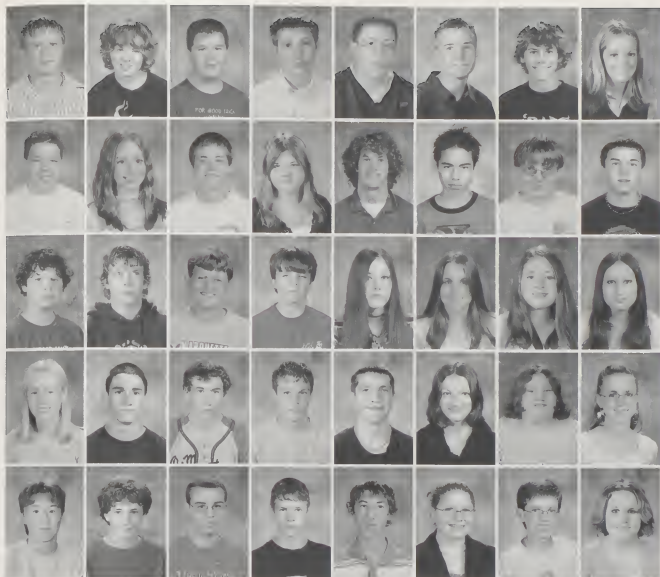


By: Jordan  
Chops



David Myers

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Campbell, Joseph  
Chops, Amanda  
Chops, Jordan  
Clarich, Thomas  
Clark, Todd  
Clarke, Eric  
Clifford, Jonathan  
Coffer, Brittany

Colbert, Steven  
Conley, Jillian  
Conley, Scott  
Cooper, Amanda  
Corbett, Kevin  
Correal, Daniel  
Crawley, Dale  
Crego, Dole

Crostreet, Zachary  
Cruickshank, Patrick  
Curtis, Craig  
Czarnecki, Chance  
Czlonka, Danielle  
Dahn, Michelle  
Day, Carissa  
Deeter, Tara

Dehning, Jessica  
Delagarza, Alexander  
Deyoung, Brandon  
Dobos, Mathew  
Donohoe, Daniel  
Dragu, Carmen  
Dulaney, Heather  
Dykstra, Julie

Erdenechimeg, Saintuvshin  
Erwin, Robert  
Estrada, Alan  
Estrada, Eric  
Ewen, Damon  
Fahney, Felicia  
Farr, Andrew  
Farrell, Taylor

# Class of '08 starts fresh in school

Freshmen started a new chapter in their life as they stepped across the threshold of the high school on August 17. Their high school history kicked off with Freshmen Fundamentals, which was a program that was set up to help the Freshmen ease their fears. This program included many fun and exciting activities that had to do with getting to know the school and students. After Freshmen Fundamentals, the Freshmen voted on who would be the class officers. They were Lindsey Skratsky, Nicole Henning, Holly Kampenga, Adam Betancourt.

On September 17, the class of '08 experienced their first Homecoming. During Homecoming week there were a lot of activities that the freshmen were included in such as spam carving, turkey bowling, face painting, and adding money to the penny wars. Each day was a special dress up

day. Bethany Ferguson said, "I liked the way everyone could dress up and act like a totally different person."

The theme for Homecoming was Down on the Farm. All of the grades had to decorate one of the school's doors. Freshmen were in charge of the middle school doors which they decorated in red with a Kougaur. At the end of Homecoming week, Freshmen did a lip sync to a mix of country songs. The high energy synchronized routine earned the Freshmen the first place award. Although the Freshmen won the lip sync, they did not win the spirit stick.

At the Homecoming game, the representative for the Homecoming Court was Lindsay Skratsky. With her was Jonathon Clifford, who she picked to be her escort. The class sponsor was Mrs. Hallie Chicki.



Fase, Danielle  
Faulkenburg, Danielle  
Ferguson, Bethany  
Fifield, Joshua  
Flachsenberger, Chandra  
Fletcher, Michael  
Forden, John  
Fratlicelli, Alisa

Freckleton, Shawn  
Fregoso, Vitalia  
Fulkerson, Eric  
Fullilove, George  
Garza, Adriana  
Gaskins, Jessica  
Gilbert, Anna  
Glab, Jasmine

Golly, Jared  
Gonzalez, Hernilo  
Granter, Richard  
Greer, Kent  
Guerrero, James  
Guritz, Callie  
Hale, Kayla  
Hale, Lauren

Halloran, Melissa  
Hammons, Meredith  
Hamstra, Julie  
Hamstra, Kelli  
Handy, Keith  
Heflin, Daniel  
Henderson, Jennifer  
Henning, Nicole

Herendeen, Amber  
Hernandez, Fernando  
Hernandez-Rosiles, Teresa  
Herrera, Jose  
Higginson, Krystal  
Hillers, Samantha  
Holm-Hansen, Julia  
Hudspeth, Daniel



"What I have accomplished from sports is I lost a lot of weight and developed more muscles that I never knew I had. It has also helped me get to know people that played the same sport I did." Thomas Ramsey



Waiting for the game to begin, freshmen Kaylor Sutton and Devon Southard discuss cheerleading tactics for their first home game. Both cheered on the eighth grade squad.

"What I accomplished in sports is I learned a lot of self discipline and to never quit no matter how hard it is." Jack Laski



John Lapota



Huhn, Joshua  
Huke, Bradley  
Hunt, Elizabeth  
Hunter, Michael  
Ison, Gary  
Iversen, William  
Janavich, Corinne  
Jarrell, Danielle

Jenkins, Derek  
Jiron, Sarah  
Johnsou, Anthony  
Johnson, Colton  
Jones, Tara  
Jones, Tasha  
Jordan, Devin  
Jordan, Samantha

Kalut, Jacob  
Kampenga, Holly  
Kats, Nathan  
Kearney, Nicholas  
Keefer, Amanda  
Kerner, Nicole  
Kittle, Christina  
Kittle, Christopher

Klassen, Justin  
Koble, Rachel  
Kolb, Jillian  
Kolb, Jordan  
Kolp, Nathaniel  
Kuhns, Jessica  
Kurowsky, Aaron  
Lamotte, Alec

Lapota, John  
Laski, John  
Leath, Nathan  
Ledger, Amanda  
Leeewater, Lauren  
Lemmon, Amanda  
Lintner, Curtis  
Liston, Sean

# Freshmen excel in sports

Freshmen are often looked down upon because people sometimes doubt their capabilities. The class of 2008 proved to be different from this stereotype. Most freshmen who were in sports were given the chance to not only play on the freshman teams, but also on the Varsity teams. "The benefits of playing sports is you get to have fun and be with your friends," said Page Walczak. Ten freshmen were named outstanding athletes and among these were some outstanding scholars as well.

"I enjoy playing sports because you can form all kinds of friendships," said Jillian Conley. Freshmen started this fall sports season off with a bang winning many awards.

Meredith Hammons was fortunate enough to take a part in the volleyball teams successful season. Meredith said, "Being able to get a taste of high school volleyball was cool. I know that I definitely want to keep doing it, and become better and better as I go. Through the whole season I never missed a day of practice or a game. Even when I was hurt or wasn't feeling

good, I always showed up. I guess my coach saw that, and thought I deserved the Kougaur Pride award."

Here are the students who won these fall awards. For girls golf Kelsey Allen was Rookie of the Year. Freshman Volleyball Meredith Hammons was awarded for Most Kougaur Pride, and Jessica Dehning for Most Improved. Boys soccer awards went to Mike Hunter for Junior Varsity Mr. Hustle and Chester Magiera for Junior Varsity most improved. Girls soccer awards went to Lindsey Skratsky for Varsity Co-Rookie of the year and Nicole Kerner for Varsity Co-Rookie of the year, Katrina VanderWoude earned a trophy for Junior varsity Co-most valuable player. Johnathan Torbitt took home the Most Improved player and won The Academic Award for tennis. Page Walczak won for Junior Varsity Top Defensive Player, and Jillian Conley for Junior Varsity as top Offensive Player. Football award went to Alex Byers for Scott Patrick Freshman Valley Pride Award. The Freshman football team was undefeated.

By: Samantha  
Pierson

Johnathan Clifford

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# Rewriting History: Have It Your Way

(fill in the blank)

When I went to Freshmen Fundamentals on August 18, at first I felt \_\_\_\_\_ but as it went on, I started to feel \_\_\_\_\_. Two Senior Leaders who led my group were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The other students in my group were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Then, when I saw my group's flag, I thought it looked \_\_\_\_\_, and that the leaders did a \_\_\_\_\_ job.

When the Senior Leaders got done learning our names, we played \_\_\_\_\_ games. My favorite game was called \_\_\_\_\_. How you win the game is that you have to \_\_\_\_\_.

After we played games, we all went into the auditorium, and we had to \_\_\_\_\_. Our \_\_\_\_\_ team slogans. Our team slogan was \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, and I thought it was \_\_\_\_\_. The only change that I would have made to our team slogan would have been \_\_\_\_\_.

After we played all of our remaining games, and we were done with singing our slogans, we had a lecture about our dress code. Senior Leaders had little skirts that I thought were \_\_\_\_\_. Then after the skirts were done, Vice Principal Bob Prescott went over some of the rules of the handbook which was important. He focused the most on the dress code, which was the most pushed rule in the entire school.

After everything was done and over with, I had a \_\_\_\_\_ time with everyone and everything that we did. Although I had a \_\_\_\_\_ time at Freshmen Fundamentals, the one thing that I would have changed about something that we had done that day would have been \_\_\_\_\_.

Little, Sara  
Lovely, Cameron  
Lucky, Caitlyn  
MacKall, Andrew  
Magiera, Chester  
Mann, Brittany  
Maretich, Samantha  
Marianowski, Heather



Mathis, Brooke  
Mathis, Jeffrey  
McClellan, Nichole  
McCloskey, Augustus



McElroy, Billie  
McKinney, Robert  
McLellan, Cortnie  
Mehay, Adam



Melhart, Lacie  
Messmaker, Kala  
Mestrovich, Katherine  
Meyers, Rick



Michalski, Michael  
Middleton, Joseph  
Milbourn, Christopher  
Mills, David



Freshman Class Officers:  
Adam Betancourt, Lindsey Skratsky, Nicole Henning,  
and Holly Kampenga



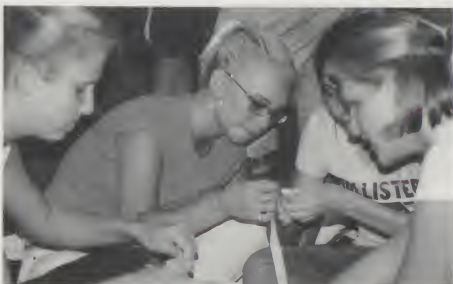
Alyssa Ruthkay and Corinne Janavich

During Freshmen Fundamentals, Freshmen Bradley Webber, and Augustus McClosky try hard to hold up Freshman Patrick Cruikshank while they were doing their group cheer.



While playing a game at Freshmen Fundamentals, Freshman Jessica Sauciar concentrates on how to put her boat together. The hard thing about it was that she only had a short time period to get it together.

By : Jordan  
Chops



Mitchell, Jessica  
Molden, Corey  
Molon, Erin  
Moore, Jamie  
Morgan, Kathleen  
Murphy, Jordan  
Murray, Alexa  
Murray, Vicki

Myers, David  
Myers, Kenneth  
Myers, Laura  
Myers, Morgan  
Nava, Gary  
Neely, Rachael  
Nelms, Kevin  
Newton, Samuel

Nikolaj, Mark  
O'Neal, Amanda  
Pajkos, Katelyn  
Parker, Savannah  
Patton, Brianna  
Penning, Alecia  
Perry, Kathleen  
Pierson, Samantha

Poe, Patrick  
Prairie, Clayton  
Prentice, Monica  
Prentoski, Andrew  
Proud, Kenny  
Proud, Kristopher  
Pruitt, Ryan  
Raebel, Micah

Ramsay, Thomas  
Recker, William  
Ress, Mark  
Rios, Jamie  
Risner, Lindsay  
Ritchie, Tera  
Roldan, Melissa  
Ruthkay, Alyssa

Katrina VanderWoude



# Freshmen share idea of role models

When it came to role models, freshmen had many different selections for the person they looked up to. Some took advice from celebrities, making them their role model. "My role model is Tupac because he was a really good rapper, and I honestly believe that he made a huge change in the world," said Dustin Warner.

Looking up to family and friends was also a popular choice. Kaylah Sutton chose her mother as her role model. "She has done a lot in her life while accomplishing lots of things. She is such a strong lady, and I admire her because she is so independent," said Kaylah.

"I look up to my friends because they are always there when I need them, and they make up a big part of me," said Brittney Smiejek. Friends do influence a person's personality. It has been said, "As iron sharpens iron, so does one friend's actions influence another". Who young people chose to hang out with could have changed the way they thought. Their

friends and family have helped mold their personality and helped make them who will be when they grow up. Ashley Sholes explained, "My Aunt Heather is my role model. She had her first child at age 17, but she still managed to go to college and hold two steady jobs at the same time."

Some popular athletes were also looked up to by thousands of fans who tuned in each week or night, to watch their favorite player or team. "I really like to see women playing in their own basketball league and being so successful. I hope that one day a young child will look up to me when I am playing. I really believe that. So, I always try to associate myself with good people," said Brittney Whitman.

No matter who they looked up to, almost every freshman, or any person in general, had a role model in some way. From family, to friends, famous actors/actresses, politicians, and professional athletes, role models have continued to influence young people throughout the ages.

Sadowski, Kayla  
Saucier, Jessica  
Saunders, Christina  
Scamhorn, Brent  
Schliemann, Rebecca  
Schliemann, Susan  
Schmitt, Krystina  
Schrombeck, Magan

Schultz, Jessica  
Scott, Taylor  
Seegers, Lindsay  
Shoemaker, Brittany  
Shoemaker, Brooke  
Sholes, Ashley  
Sholey, James  
Simmons, Matthew

Singel, Justin  
Sitterna, Lindsay  
Skratsky, Lindsey  
Smiejek, Brittney

Smith, Daniel  
Smith, Timothy  
Snow, Jonathan  
Sonntag, Allisha

Southard, Devon  
Sparger, Shaue  
Sparks, Hannah  
Speers, Patricia



Reading her assigned chapter of *To Kill a Mocking Bird* for English class, Freshman

Jessica Gaskin said, "I enjoyed the book because each chapter had something interesting."



Getting ready to throw the ball, up his arm. Walstra was playing Freshman David Walstra winds dodge ball in his gym class.



By : Samantha Pierson  
and Elizabeth Moran

Proudly holding his team's sign, Freshman John Forden leads his team into the gym. John and his fellow freshmen participated in the Freshmen Fundamentals in August.

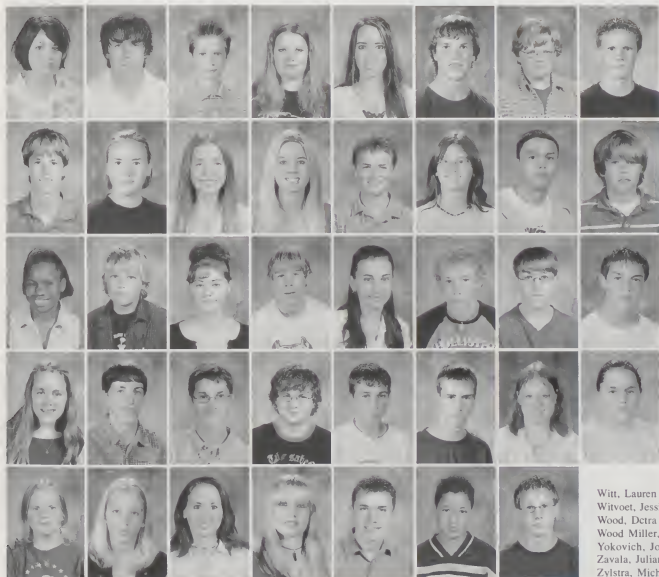
## Not Pictured

Amanda Conway  
Kristopher Hamilton  
Keith Hawkins

Nicholas Leach  
Katie Lewandowski

Ryan Lovely  
Samantha Maretich

Christopher Milbourn  
William Morrow  
Kyle Musch



Stafford, Anna  
Stedman, Jacob  
Stoermann, Aaron  
Struble, Barbara  
Sutton, Kaylah  
Sysma, Mitchell  
Terrell, Thomas  
Tillema, Andrew

Tillema, Joshua  
Tillema, Marissa  
Tilley, Elizabeth  
Tinglof, Samantha  
Torbutt, Jonathan  
Uldriks, Rachel  
Urbina, Juan  
Vandermolten, Derek

Vanderwoude, Katrina  
Vankley, Nicholas  
Vires, Brittney  
Volk, Dean  
Walczak, Page  
Walstra, David  
Ward, Charles  
Warner, Dustin

Watkins, Shawna  
Watts, Jacob  
Waugaman, Garrett  
Webber, Bradley  
Whitaker, Joshua  
White, Joe  
Whitman, Brittney  
Wilson, Tiffany

Witt, Lauren  
Witvoet, Jessica  
Wood, Dctra  
Wood Miller, Candy  
Yokovich, Jonathan  
Zavala, Julian  
Zylstra, Michael

William Recker



# Experience: diversity top staff

KV Faculty has over a hundred teachers, guidance counselors, and office staff. Teachers have various levels of experience. One long term educator was Mrs. Diana Zacher who taught business. She has been teaching for 34 years.

When I asked Mrs. Zacher what have been her most memorable moments over the past years, she replied, "One of the most memorable was when the auditorium caught fire. Another time school was not called off in time, and the car pool that I drove in had to put both front windows down to be able to see the highway. It took over two hours to get to Rensselaer."

After I asked Mrs. Diana Zacher about her most memorable moment, I began to become interested in what kept her teaching in one school for so long and not lose interest. She replied, "I truly enjoy what I do. Most young people at KV are interesting as well

as enjoyable to be around. I like the challenges that go along with teaching. It is rewarding (and almost magical) when a student finally grasps a concept he or she had been struggling to master."

On the flip side a novice to the teaching profession at KV was Mr. Bill Shepherd who taught math. He has only been teaching at KV for one year.

When I asked Mr. Shepherd how he became interested in teaching at KV, he replied, "I was a student and athlete here at KV. I have always been interested in coming back to teach and coach."

Mr. Shepherd has coached basketball outside of KV and had several winning seasons. When I asked him what his most memorable moment in teaching has been, he answered, "While coaching at a school in Lafayette, we won the 2000 and 2003 class 1-A Boys State Basketball Championships. That was truly exciting."

Tim Adams - English  
Philip Apple - Principal  
Melodi Belei- English  
Tom Black - English  
Heather Carey - French  
Hallie Chicki - English  
Irma Coddington - Spanish  
Bill Darnell - Choir  
  
Kathy Eckert - English  
Paul Epley - Special Ed.  
Susan Garrison - Science  
Lynn Gintzer - Business  
John Gray - Math  
Doug Greenlee - PE./ Health  
Tresa Groot - Home Ec.  
Sue Hanley - PE./Health  
  
Bob Heid - Tech. Director  
Sandy Herschman - Special Ed.  
Ron Hine - Technology  
Herald Hostetter - Math  
Karan Howard - Math  
Steve Inman - Technology/FFA  
Barb Jackson - Special Ed.  
Kevin Kaluf - Technology  
  
Tara Kingma - English  
Nancy Klockow - Fine Arts  
Mark Ladd - Math  
Mary Lunde - Guidance  
Steve Maple - Science  
Kay Masten - German  
Ron McAtee - Media Specialist  
Mike McKay - Technology  
  
Kathy McKinney - English/Jour.  
Maureen Melfon - Special Ed.  
Jeff Mengel - Technology  
Sarah Miller - Fine Arts  
Kevin Mulvihill - Technology  
Allen Nagel - Math  
Paul Norwine - Social Studies  
Greg Oliver - Special Ed.



Ms. Martin

During sixth hour in the Business Tech Lab, Mrs. Diana Zacher was using the overhead to teach the class the do's and don'ts of sentence structures and how to type them properly in document form. Then Mrs. Zacher briefly quizzed the students to make sure they comprehended the lesson.



Asking for help on his math problem, senior Bryant Barrera discusses his confusion with Mr. Bill Shepherd. "Math has never really been my subject, but I've always been one to better myself," said Barrera.

By : Siobhan Urbano



Sara Patterson - Science  
Mike Peo - Social Studies  
George Post - Social Studies  
John Price - Science  
Pat Price - Social Studies  
Robert Prescott - Asst. Principal  
Dan Roberts - PE/Health  
Judy Roberts - Math

Sandy Schenher - Guidance  
Jennifer Schroeder - Home Ec.  
Bill Shepherd - Math  
Marti Sherwood - Science  
Guy Skrohul - Asst. Principal  
Kristi Slaby - Science  
Gayle Smith - Spanish  
John Spinks - Athletic Director

Ken Steidle - Band Director  
Jill Steiner - English  
Kevin Stephens - P.E.  
Dennis Sterrett - Science  
John Vanderlaan - Social Studies  
Melissa Whicker - Guidance  
Dirk Weiner - Sp. Ed  
Gail Woollever - Art

Diana Zacher - Business

#### Not Pictured: Support Staff

Matt Bristol - Technology  
Nancy Gluth - Alt. Ed  
Jeff Moolenaar - Law Enforcement  
Leslie Tysen - Hall Monitor  
Jean Wayne - Special Ed

Not Pictured Teacher:  
Mr. John Wickstrom  
- Alt. Ed



# Support Staff

Lisa Anderson- Aide  
 Anna Daniels- ISTEP  
 Gayle DeVries- At Risk  
 Sheila DeYoung- Treasurer  
 Terri Dickerson- Aide  
 Linda Dusk- Secretary  
 Elaine Dykstra- Indian Trails  
 Teresa Enry- Aide



Terri Truman-Forehand-Health  
 Jennifer Geiselman- Tech  
 Jill Kozak- Secretary  
 Gloria Kreischer- ESL  
 Julie Martin- Aide  
 Kathy Misch- Secretary  
 Laurie Patrick- Secretary  
 Mary Pollard- Aide



Rozanne Sanders-Secretary  
 Andrea Scheidt- Nurse  
 Connie Sell- Aide  
 Sheila Shields- Aide  
 Donna Sohn- Aide  
 Mary Spurgeon- Secretary  
 Lottie Stein- Aide  
 Sandy Tiemans- Pianist



Debbie Turpin- Secretary  
 Nancy Valenkamp- Aide  
 Donna Zuchowski- Aide



## Central Office Secretaries

Kim Mount  
 Carol Deardorff  
 Carol Risner

## Cafeteria Workers

Row 1: Jean Kosik, Kathy  
 Ferguson, Louise Howard,  
 Linda Hazelgrove. Row 2:  
 Barb Matusiak, Donna  
 Jonkman, Bobbie Ketchum,  
 Julie Heide, Gladys Mathis,  
 Sue Christopher, Lauda  
 Whited. Row 3: Gloria  
 Sullivan, Debbie Recker,  
 Pam Scott, Ruth Myers,  
 Connie Altman, Kim  
 Starkey, Julie Gooden

## Schoolboard

Row 1: Robert Misch, John  
 Heerema, Barbara  
 Peregrine. Row 2: John  
 Spurgeon, Tim Belstra, Bill  
 DeVries, John Jungles



By:  
 Siobhan Urbano



Mrs. Ginter



Using Mr. Bill Orsburn's office Superintendent Dr. Laura Boilini and Director of Finance Bill Orsburn take a moment out of their busy schedule for the yearbook. Mr. Orsburn gave up his duties as Transportation Director in 2004 to work with finance.

Creating menus is just one job of Food Service Director Linda Howard who is responsible for all nutrition requirements in the lunch program.



## Staff members wear many hats

When the bells rang at 3:15, staff members shifted into second gear and wore a new hat for the extra curricular program. Twenty seven clubs needed sponsors who enjoyed everything from community services like cleaning up forest preserves to holding a spaghetti dinner which raised over \$1,000 for the local fire departments who helped save the school when it caught fire in 1995.

Academic coaches were also needed to study Greek and Russian literature plus astronomy, speech, essay, and economics. Mrs. Kathy McKinney who coached the Spell Bowl Team, and various Academic Teams said, "I really enjoyed being the spell coach. Your nerves get so high and when a student spells all the words right, the whole team goes wild. Academic Teams required a major commitment. It was wonderful to watch the team qualify for state. They were so proud."

In addition to clubs, 56 athletic coaches took to the practice fields to encourage athletes.

Each class must also have a sponsor who was willing

to go the extra mile to provide encouragement to students, organize fund raisers and decorate for special days. Junior sponsors were also in charge of Prom, and senior sponsors directed Graduation preparation and ceremony.

Finally, there were the teachers like Mrs. Truman Forehand who helped her Health Occupations class raise \$3,000 to go to Georgia during their Spring Break. The students volunteered at a therapy farm(Parkwood Farms), where they worked with children who had brain injuries, Cerebral Palsy or Downs Syndrome. They also worked with the resident vet and learned how to care for horses and assisted in painting and barn maintenance. Mrs. Truman Forehand said, "The students benefited from the trip to Parkwood by seeing a variety of therapy programs in action in a non-traditional setting."

Spring Break also found Mrs. Erma Coddington chaperoning students to Mexico where they were immersed in Spanish language and culture. No matter where one turned, he/she found a staff member going beyond the limits for education.



# What I

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# About



- By: Amanda & Ashli
1. Freshman: Derek VanderMolen piles weight on a bridge
  2. Freshman: Caitlyn Luckey in gym
  3. Junior: Ashley Cooper in the greenhouse.
  4. Seniors: Lindsey Beeching and William Whited dance in Spanish class
  5. Sophomores: Amber Jests and Ashley Keefer dissecting
  6. Sophomore: Matthew Misch and Senior Nelson Wilder work on an assignment



Andrew Mullins



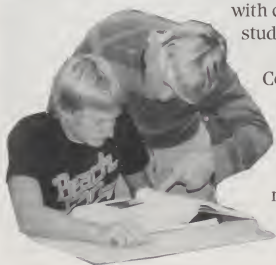
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# Academics

From Freshmen math class to senior English, classes were full of students ready to learn. This was recognized state-wide when the school was named one of Indiana's Best Buy Schools by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. "The purpose of the Chamber's report was to recognize those Indiana schools that had excelled academically, while proving good value for tax dollars. The schools excelled with comparatively lower funding and often a higher number of at-risk students," said Assistant Principal Guy Skrobol.

The school also boasted classes such as ICE (Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education), Building Trades, Health Occupations, Law Enforcement, Vocational Child Care, and CAD (Computer Aided Drafting).

Teachers worked hard to find new ways to improve the quality of learning. From dissecting fish and pigs in biology to making mobiles and portfolios in English, students continued to learn new and constructive ways to express what they have learned and liked during their time at KVHS.





## Art Techniques

By:  
Jennifer Bennett

### Brighten up the world

In art class the students did the same activities, but a few things were different. For instance, the Art Department added a new class called Computer Graphic's II taught by Mrs. Nancy Klockow. Mrs. Klockow said, "In Computer Graphics II the students spend more time making slide shows which appear to be moving through the use of the Ken Burns effect. They also do time lapse videos."

In Advanced Fiber Arts the students made hats and scarves to

donate to the Christmas tree gifts for the needy. In one of Mrs. Miller's classes, teens made cardboard printing plates. Tara Bennett said, "I think making this printing plate was difficult to create the right amount of texture. In the end, the picture turned out to look pretty nice."

Mrs. Woolever who only taught one class added, "H.S. is a great way to start the morning. The talent in these kids is awesome and an exciting challenge to jump start the day."



During Fiber Arts Class Mrs. Sheila Shields helps junior Dianna Debold work on a hat loom. Mrs. Shields said, "Dianna likes to try different projects."

Laying three or four sheets of paper over an image and adding paint creates a print. Junior Ruth Sharp explained, "In this picture I was in Mrs. Miller's class putting paint on the counter so I could use it on my printmaking."

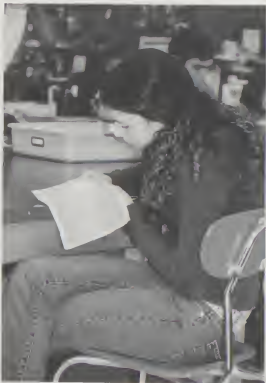


Kristopher Hamilton



During first semester's Art class, senior Lindsay Craig decides to make jerseys for her final project in Film Lit. She exclaimed, "It was a pain in the neck painting nine jerseys for our film, but after it all came together the shirts looked awesome and our movie was even better." The movie was called "Glory Days" and immortalized a man's baseball career. The nine jerseys were worn by the players.

In Mrs. Nancy Klockow's Fiber Arts class junior Brittany Patton makes her own design. She decided to choose flowers with leaves. When asked about the project, she said, "The idea took a second, but the project itself took forever. In the long run, when you work hard, it is worth it. It was so much fun that next semester I'm going to take another art class."



Sophomore Donny Myers



Sophomore Thomas Cooley

"I like art class because it is fun to draw and make cool pictures. I thought that the sketch books were pretty fun to draw, but I would have to say my favorite activity in art would have to be drawing the candy because afterwards we got to eat it!"

"Drawing class is so cool, even if you can't draw good. We do a lot of fun stuff that seems easy like wheat, but it's kind of hard. We learn how to do a lot of different drawing styles. We also get to color with Crayons!"



Sophomore Tara Bennett



During Mrs. Nancy Klockow's 3-D Art class, sophomore Kelsey Nannenga is paper-macheing a dinosaur pinata. It was their final project for the semester instead of a final exam. When asked about her project, she said, "I decided to do Dino off of the Flintstones, but it turned out looking like Barney!" She also said, "art classes are some of the most fun classes that you'll ever take in high school. Don't ever let anyone tell you otherwise."





By:  
Christina Travers

# Business

## Planning Ahead

Helping develop students futures in business occupations, Mrs. Lynn Ginzer and Mrs. Diana Zacher taught six business classes.

Two one semester classes were Keyboarding and Computer Applications, which used four major softwares: Word, Excel, Access, and Power Point. "Keyboarding was a one semester class designed to teach the basic techniques of computer keyboarding and basic document preparation," said Mrs. Zacher.

Personal and Business Law were designed to impart knowledge to

students based on their personal needs as well as for business use.

Sports and Entertainment Marketing was involved with owning your own business. "The most interesting thing that I have done was owning my own business," said junior Rachel Kikkert.

Business Foundations was an introduction into the world of business in general, and Accounting involved money and working with numbers. "I really enjoy Accounting, but it was a lot of busy work," said Benjamin Lewis.

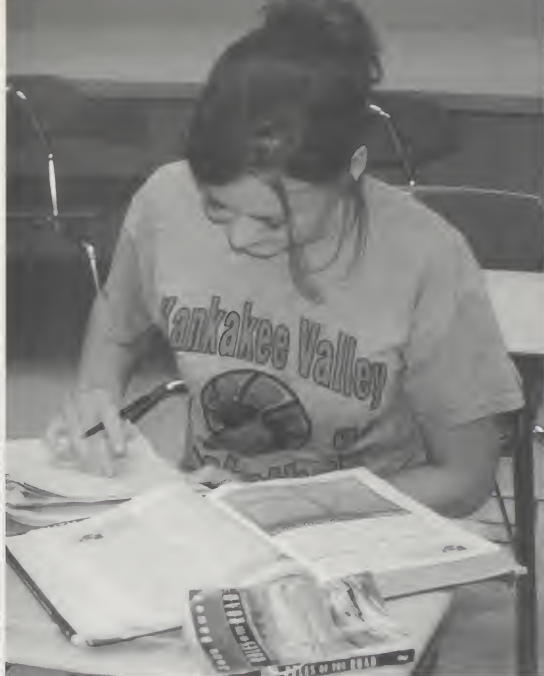


Focusing on an Accounting problem, senior Kaitlyn Ketchum and business teacher Mrs. Lynn Ginzer discuss how to find the answer.

Above: Accumulating how much income his business would earn within a year, junior Troy Jackson works on an accounting project in Mrs. Ginzer's second hour class.

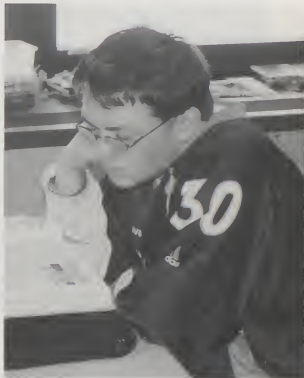


Kirah Fifield



Rereading over the chapter, sophomore Lindsey Shea tries to find key words for her business notes. "When I graduate from high school, I plan on going to college to become a business owner. This class is great preparation for this occupation," said Shea.

Skimming through his Business Foundations book, junior Joshua Richardson studies for future quizzes and tests. "The thing that I enjoyed most in my Business Foundations class was reading independently on my own time," said Richardson.



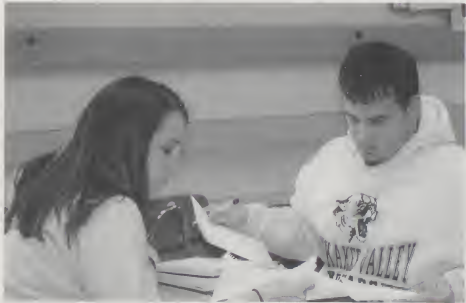
**Junior Mari Gomez**

I took Accounting because I like math a lot and this class deals mostly with numbers. The most interesting thing that I have learned is how to keep financial control of a business. This will help me in the future when I become a business executive.



**Senior Brain Paschke**

I took Computer Applications because I wanted to learn more about computers and different programs. The most interesting thing that I have done in class has been Power Point Presentations.



Studying for a test in their Business class, seniors Taryn Porter and Shawn Mikus review all of their worksheets from earlier in the semester.





By:  
Sam Phillips

# Theater Arts

## Save The Drama For Your Momma

Being creative with their minds and showing off their talent was what Theater Arts students did best.

First semester was focused around students putting everything together on their own. They learned how to apply stage make-up and worked together to direct and choreograph their own music videos and final play. Sophomore Olivia Ortiz said, "Being the sheep in our play was embarrassing, but in the end, it was a really good time."

Second semester they had Readers Theater, performed Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Nights Dream," and their final performance was the long awaited music videos. Videos included five different songs ranging from Michael Jackson to Kelly Clarkson. Senior Megan Davidson said, "The hardest thing was remembering my lines for "A Midsummer Nights Dream," I only had a few lines, but it is still hard to remember the lines and gestures especially in front of a crowd."



Dancing to the "Banga Bus" song, sophomores Sarah Atchley and Christopher Jenkins, along with senior Shawn Mikus and junior Jason Zavala work together on getting the steps down.

Above: Dancing to "Barbie Girl", senior Megan Davidson, sophomores Sarah Atchley, Shane Coppotelli and Hannah Birkey, and junior Christine Miles strut their stuff.



Lori Kappes

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During third hour drama class, junior Cecilia Heckman and sophomore Whitney Rayonec participate in Readers Theater. In Readers Theater all students had binders and recited children's stories at exactly the same time and in the same rhythm.

Working together to get their moves down for the final performance, senior Thomas Sandonato, as well as sophomore Jodi Williams get their groove on to the "Banga Bus" song sung by The Venga Boys.



**Senior Brittney Birchett**

My roll in the music video is one of the trios. We sang an old 80's song and wore old 80's clothing. Learning the steps to the dance was tons of fun. The best part about this class is when performing you get a rush of energy. You just need to let loose and not be afraid to look stupid.



**Sophomore Jacob Smith**

Doing the Readers Theater was a lot of fun. From now on any little kid I see from Wheatfield knows me as Sam I Am. It was the hardest to do because I couldn't help but laugh at how stupid I felt. My most memorable moment was when I played an Elf. I'll never forget the feeling of Tights!



**Sophomore Jennifer Moreno**



Entering the dinner party, senior Justin DeKock, junior Caitlin Sittima, senior Matthew Jurs and sophomore Hannah Birkey admire how wonderful everything looks.





# English

By:  
Siobhan Urbano

**Reading our way  
through yesterday  
into tomorrow**

**The Crucible, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Romeo and Juliet, and Julius Caesar** were just a few of the classic stories that were taught to students. When Mrs. Kathy McKinney was asked what her favorite book to teach was she replied, "I love teaching Julius Caesar because he is so real. So many times students comment that they know a modern Cassius or Caesar."

Mrs. Jill Steiner answered, "I enjoy any show we work on because I like seeing something entertaining rise from nothing." Her students did read

ers Theatre, Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream and music videos.

"My favorite unit is the Odyssey unit. The students seemed to enjoy mythology and O's adventure," replied Mrs. Tara Kingma regarding favorites.

A new class was English in a New Language which was team taught by Mrs. Steiner, Mr. Adams and ENL aide Mrs. Gloria Kreischer. "ENL helps students who don't understand the language to learn in a setting with their peers that is comfortable for them," commented Mrs. Kreischer.



Preparing students to read **The Tempest**, Mrs. Kathy Eckert assigns her students to bring in things that relate to the scenes in the play. Scavenger Hunt was the name of this activity.

After finishing an activity for Family Day, Mr. Tom Black's sixth hour class came together for a group huddle. Family Day which promoted togetherness was held on Fridays.



Maria Hernandez  
**English 62**

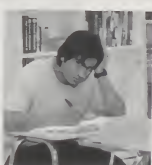


While in the computer lab during Mr. Black's fifth hour, junior Jeremy Tillema helps his classmate junior Philip Kniec log on to the website for Core 40 testing. The Core 40 testing was a new requirement for all freshmen and juniors to do on the computer. "I liked the Core 40 testing because it got us out of the classroom, and we got to use the computers," replied Tillema.

Discussing an assignment with speech and drama teacher Mrs. Jill Steiner, junior Emily Penninga asks if her answer is acceptable. "Mrs. Jill Steiner can be a very tough teacher, but you learn a lot," commented Penninga.



Sophomore Rebecca Fox



Junior Ismael Perez

"My favorite lesson that Ms. Belei taught me was that when it comes to creativity there is no right or wrong answer. Creativeness comes from the heart of your imagination and nobody, not even you, has the right to place limits on it."

"I was glad that I had Mrs. McKinney as a teacher this year because it was fun when we got to have group discussions, and it made me feel like I was part of the class!"



Working on English homework in their ENL class, juniors Nancy Herrera and Jessica Campos, and senior Carla Medina help each other understand the homework assignment.

After teepeeing Mr. Apple's office, freshman John Laski is made into a snowman. Mr. Apple's daughter, Mrs. Hallie Chicki was the teacher in charge of the event.





# Careers

By

Sarah Salamah

## Learning the Impossible

Health Occupations, Law Enforcement, Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education, and Computer Repair were just a few courses that prepared teens for the future. From going to hospitals and nursing homes, to learning how to use proper defense tactics and following a crime scene investigation, students received personal training. "I wanted to get a hands on experience in a career that interests me, and I enjoy doing. Plus

it is something that I know I will use in the future" said senior Brian Paschke.

"I have learned a lot of things in Law Enforcement class. The number one thing I learned is that the laws play a big role in our society, and sometimes the laws are interpreted wrong," said senior Gabriel Mijares.

To further their education, Health Occupations students spent spring break on a farm assisting with the day to day lives and therapies of children through an equestrian program.



Discussing what is going on with the computer, senior Brian Paschke and senior John Delger take it apart and put it back together again in Mrs. Geiselman's sixth hour Computer Repair class.

Top: Learning the proper way to do the handcuffing techniques in the Law Enforcement class, junior Markus Burns and junior Christopher Walstra participate in a demonstration for their classmates. The class was taught by Officer Jeff Moolenaar.



Elizabeth Sutton

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During Spring Break, Mrs. Forehand's Health Occupations students went to Parkwood Farms Therapy Center in Snellville, Georgia where they were able to work with physical therapy students on horseback. They volunteered their time to help out in any way they could. Participants included Janelle Kondos, Aleesha Wall, Amanda Mendoza, David Cazares, Crystal Wilson, Heather Bacon, Alesia, Borden, and Elizabeth Sutton.

After school, senior Carla Medina and freshman Vitalia Fregosa participate in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program which was directed by Mrs. Gloria Kreischer. That night, the girls were learning about some of the customs that are Christmas traditions in the USA. They made gingerbread houses and then took them back to their homes where they shared the knowledge and goodies with their families.



Senior Amanda Mendoza



Junior Katherine Hubbell

"Being in Health Occ. has opened my eyes to so many different medical fields. What I've learned in this class will follow me through my every day life. It's also helped me experience what a health care worker will go through. It's helped me assure myself that I want to become a nurse."

"My most memorable moment in Law Enforcement was when we received the chance to go to the Michigan City Prison. We were able to speak to one of the prisoners who was serving a life sentence. He answered questions and told us about life in prison."



Learning how to aim and shoot by using a computer animated program in her fourth hour Law Enforcement class, senior Angela Fieldhouse Practices her aim. The cost of the program was shared by local law enforcement programs.



Focus was the key as Ms. Groet's fifth hour ICE class pays close attention to what the speaker had to say about Robert Morris College. All speakers offered a special insight to the requirements of the changing work market. ICE students spent two hours each day at a variety of jobs.





By: Sarah Salamah

# Foreign Language

## Explores the unknown

From exploring food and culture to learning new verb tenses, foreign languages covered it all. Spanish, French and German students found that the foreign language programs had many challenging activities and still remained an open window of opportunities.

"I wanted to explore other cultures and expand my horizons. I love to learn new things and this seemed like the perfect chance," said sophomore Sara Atchley regarding

the offerings in foreign language.

Mrs. Coddington took five students to Mexico over Spring Break. "I enjoyed Mexico so much. There was so much to learn that I would've never gotten out of a textbook. There was so much culture that I wanted to soak in. I would love to go back because I enjoyed every aspect," said sophomore Samantha Medina.

After spring break, students were informed that Mrs. Coddington retired after 10 years in the classroom.



Doing their tango dance to learn more about the culture, juniors Lauren Laski and Clarisa Bonilla work as a team in Mrs. Irma Coddington's Spanish class.

Working on making sugar cookies in Mrs. Kay Masten's German class for Valentines Day, junior Kevin Zuchowski concentrates on his lettering.

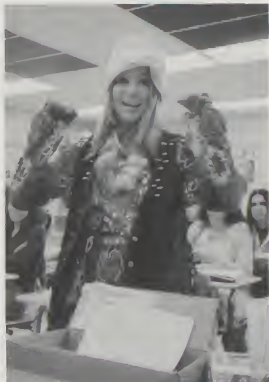


Jonathan Delger



Learning how to do the salsa dance, junior Carrielle Baumgarte and sophomore Joshua Baiel move to the beat in Mrs. Smith's fourth hour Spanish class.

Doing her fashion show in Mrs. Heather Carey's French class, sophomore Christie Roorda shows off her stylish outfit.



Sophomore Jessica Fritz



Junior Heather Hinkle

"I chose to take a foreign language because it's a good way to learn about another culture besides your own, and also I would like to visit Germany one day."

"I wanted to take a foreign language because I thought it would be fun to learn about the different cultures and have that second language to fall back on."



While in Mexico, Mrs. Coddington's students stop off at a gift shop at Tenthhuacun and share a learning experience about the culture by dressing in sombreros and robes.  
Row 1: Erica Greenlee, Crystal Flores, Samantha Medina, Carrie Barrera, Charles Coddington  
Back Row: Shelly Greenlee, Irma Coddington, Theresa Medina, Joshua Gibson.





# Home Ec

## Planning for the future

By:  
Sam Phillips

Expanding students minds and teaching them life skills was what Ms. Tresa Groot and Ms. Jennifer Schroeder tried to do.

It didn't matter if you were learning how to prepare and cook food in Advanced Foods and Nutrition, or understanding how to complete a resume in Life and Careers, teens discovered that adult life was demanding and expensive. From making floor plans for a house to having a computer baby, students

encountered hands on experiences to prepare them for the ties of life.

From responsibility to soul searching, Ms. Schroeder taught it all. "I like being in Ms. Schroeder's Interpersonal Relations class because she helps me to understand the importance of healthy relationships," said senior Ashlee Matson.

Ms. Groot incorporated speakers, worksheets, lectures and tests in order to teach teens the basics of a healthy life and career.



After making her soup and salad, junior Jessica Carter empties the remains of her meal into the garbage can during Advanced Foods and Wellness.

Top: Working on their job resumes, sophomores Mark Mitchell, Kevin Johnson, Sean Landry and Matthew Proffock do research in order to make sure all of their information is correct.



Matthew Gilmore

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While in Ms. Jennifer Schroeder's Housing Interior class, sophomore Candice DeFries works on her floor plan that the girls in the class picked out.

"The floor plan that we worked on was the one that I had picked out. "The house was absolutely gorgeous so I got really into it," said DeFries.



On January 3, children in the Vocational Early Childhood class learn about "stranger safety." Officer Brandon Napier took finger prints of preschooler Joshua Wolfe after explaining to the children how important it was to know their parents names and their phone number as well as their address. He also added how important it was to never talk to strangers.



Junior Megan Wenger

"During the annual Easter egg hunt held by Ms. Jennifer Schroeder's child care class, I helped Haley Masick get the egg that was hidden in the tree. She wanted to get every egg, but could only get 11. She was smiling ear to ear. It lightened my heart to see her so happy."

Freshman Brittney Whitman

"I learned so much from Child Development class. It has taught me how to feed babies and to understand how much it takes to actually take care of a baby. You also learn what you should and shouldn't eat and how to take care of yourself when you are pregnant."



While in Ms. Jennifer Schroeder's Adult Roles and Responsibilities class, sophomore George Knoblock works to complete his chore wheel. Chore wheels were made as a way to spread household chores equally throughout the family with a spin of the wheel. "This class has taught me a lot of things about life and what to do with it to make it the best it can be," said Knoblock.



By:

Siobhan Urbano

# Mathematics

## Sums it all up

I-step scores jumped eight percent above the state average of 68%. According to Mr. Bill Shepherd this was a result of "The increased use in the math lab and more emphasis on the problem solving and explaining of mathematical functions." In addition to strong I-step scores, some students who went to the math lab during their study time also saw an improvement in their grades due to the extra help they received. "The math lab is a great experience for kids to go and get help from different teachers.

Some kids just don't get a certain type of teaching. It helps to try another. It helped a lot. It gave me the extra help that I needed to pass the class," said junior Troy Jackson. Mr. Herald Hostetler and Mrs. Judy Roberts were in charge of the math lab which was held during fourth hour study time. "The math lab helps students who are trying to catch up from being absent. Some students also come seeking help on preparing for the SAT, GQE, ACT and other standardized testing," replied Mrs. Roberts.



Looking up at the projector screen, freshman Chance Czarnecki copies the notes. "Every lesson that Mr. Shepherd taught was my favorite because he is a fun teacher and our class only took notes every other day."

Preparing for I-Steps sophomore Brittany Hoffman looks to Mrs. Daniels for help. Retakes for I-Step were March 15 through 17.



Joshua Morris

Math 70



While being attentive in Mr. John Gray's Algebra II class, sophomore David Starzynski patiently awaits tomorrow's homework assignment. Mr. John Gray is known for not giving his students homework on Fridays.

While sitting in the hallway, sophomore Michael Beeching concentrates on finishing his math test. Daily requirements for class were a pencil, paper and a calculator. Some classes required protractors and rulers as well.



Trying to figure out a math problem during 4th hour study time, junior Elizabeth Moran asks her fellow classmate junior Carri Dickerson for help. "Algebra II was an important class. I had Mrs. Roberts and studying and staying focused on the material was really important to her. I learned a lot of important study skills from her," said junior Elizabeth Moran.



Freshman Lindsey Skratsky

"My most memorable moment was all the jokes that we made during Mr. Nagel's class. We were still able to focus on the material we were learning, but at the same time still have fun!"



Senior Samantha Moran

"I took two math classes my senior year, Algebra II and Geometry. It was difficult at times, but I worked hard at it so I could graduate."



Enjoying fifth hour Algebra II, sophomore Robert Ayersman laughs at a funny in class joke made by Mr. John Gray. Mr. Gray made the class enjoyable by his unique sense of humor.





# P E / Health

By:

Sarah Salamah

## Whip 'em into shape

With advertising boasting the importance of a 10% weight loss and parents adviser groups demanding healthier lunches, teachers stepped up to improve the health of students.

"It (gym) gave us a chance to get our energy out while doing fun activities," said freshman Jordon Kolb.

P.E. and health teachers had their work cut out for them as they led students in various exercises, lifestyles and healthier food choices. freshman Sara Little said, "I will

always remember Kougar Day. Every Friday instead, of counting 1,2,3... like normal, we would spell out KOUGARS to promote school spirit."

P.E. showed students techniques to keep in shape and health gave the text portion of it, that covered stress, drug/alcohol abuse, tobacco, reproduction, STD's, and first aid.

"In Health, you can learn about diseases, and many other interesting things. Gym is just about keeping in shape," said sophomore Sarah Luttringer.



Warming up for a team play by shooting some hoops for her fourth hour P.E. class with Mr. Greenlee, freshman Julie Hamstra shoots for two.

Top: Every morning the P.E. class starts the team's day off doing warm-up exercises. This group of teens started off doing jumping jacks until Mr. Greenlee would blow his whistle to start the next exercise.



Daniel Beedle



Pulling himself up on the bar, freshman Gary Nava attempts to do as many pull ups as he can in a minute and a half during his third hour P.E. weights class.

During fourth hour P.E, freshman Jessica Witvoet tries to see how many times she can jump rope in a minute and a half before moving onto the leg curls. This was part of P.E.'s circuit training program.



Sophomore Christopher Jenkins



Sophomore Tara Bennett

"I have learned how to cope with different stress related events by using different calming techniques and steps to help solve my problems in Mr. Greenlee's Health class."

"I will always remember Mr. Greenlee because he was such a funny guy. He taught us a lot of good, useful information, but he had fun with us and made it an enjoyable class."



While in Mrs. Hanley's P.E. weights class, freshman James Guerrero holds

freshman Andrew Tillema's legs while he does his exercises on the yoga ball.





# Science

By:  
Jennifer Bennett

## Experiments can save the world

Science was not just about learning and participating in labs, but about coming together as a school. For instance, during Mrs. Slaby's Advanced Placement Biology class, senior Mike Torbitt explained molecular activity to his senior friend Matthew Jurs.

The students also did labs with chemicals, dissected animals, discussed DNA, and tried to save our earth with recycling. "If we don't recycle our landfills will get too full, and we

will have to get more of them. No one seems to want that, and yet many people also continue not to recycle. We need to elevate our thoughts," said Ms. Sarah Patterson who was in charge of the recycling project.

In Mr. Sterrett's classes, the students taught the chapters, made up the homework, and wrote the tests. In his Digital Electronics classes they built alarms, robots that looked like the mystery machine, and circuits that displayed their birthdays.



During Ms. Patterson's Biology class, freshman Callie Guritz reads the instructions to freshman Damon Ewen on how to dissect the fish. Ewen explained, "It was pretty gross, but also quite interesting."

In Mr. Price's, fourth hour, Integrated Chem. Physics junior David Stump and senior Nathan Simpson have fun testing how fast certain amounts of substances such as laundry detergent can melt. Simpson explains, "I love doing all kinds of experiments in Mr. Price's class. He is quite an interesting teacher!"



Krim Huff



While in Mr. Maple's class, sophomore Maggie Forden dissects a pig. "I did this because I wanted to experiment and see what was inside plus you only get to live once so why not. Plus it was for a grade!" said Forden.

During Mr. Price's fourth hour class, junior Lori Kappes studies about waves and wave lengths just before a test. When asked about how she did on the test, she said, "I did really good. All that studying really does pay off."



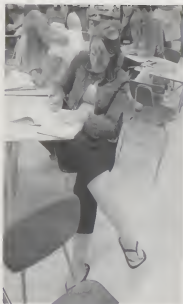
Freshman Shawn Freckelton

"In Mr. Sterrett's we do so many exciting labs and have cool conversations. He teaches us what he knows and doesn't just read out of the book like some teachers do. He also doesn't lecture and give us long homework assignments. Sterrett's class is enjoyable."

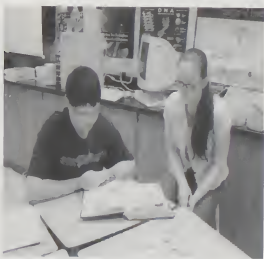


Sophomore Crystal Herenden

"I had Genetics with Mrs. Slaby. It is a complex class. Everyone is pushed to their potential. My favorite part of the class was working hard and earning a good grade. Mrs. Slaby works hard at what she does, and even if she seems grumpy, she's just pushing you to do your very best!"



During Mrs. Slaby's fourth hour class, senior Ashley Liston writes notes so she can study for her test.



While in Advanced Placement Biology, juniors, William Morenz and Sally Wallenstein study for an upcoming test on Chapter 20. When asked about what they were studying, Morenz said, "We were studying how the human muscles interact with the muscle's sarcomeres to coordinate muscle contraction and the movement of the body."





# Social Studies

## Circles the World

By:  
Siobhan Urbano

Influencing the community was one of the aspects that Social Studies teachers encouraged. Mr. Norwine's classes had the chance to receive extra credit points by proving they did a good deed for a senior citizen. When Mr. Norwine was asked why he has continued this project over the years he replied, "I want the students to lend a hand to individuals who would benefit from their help."

During early November, Mr. Post took the top 10 seniors from

his Econ class to Saint Joseph's College to compete in starting a business. Ten schools had to give a business plan and present it to a panel of judges (entrepreneurs) at the end of the day. The students placed second. When senior Joanna Perzee was asked about the experience at Saint Joseph's College she replied, "The Econ Competition at SJC was a challenging experience. We used teamwork and entrepreneurs knowledge to create a business plan."



After Mrs. Price was finished reviewing, junior Rachel Wilkinson looks over her notes. "Learning the true meaning of the swastika was the most interesting thing I learned about World War II. Hitler took a symbol that meant life and peace and changed the meaning to death and destruction."

Top: While walking around the perimeter of the track, history students bundle up to keep warm. The \$2,100 profit of the Walk A Thon went to the soldiers overseas. Walkers included Samantha Conley, Kelly Boggs, Bradley Shearer and Chris O'Brien.



Scott Wilder



Crushing apples to make apple cider is one activity that juniors Cassie Dickerson, Jessie Jungles and Carrie Barrera participated in while on a field trip for Mr. Norwine's class. Making apple cider was one of the activities for the 1800 reenactment day at the Museum at Prophetstown located in Battleground, Indiana.

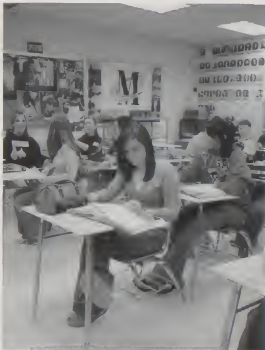
Concentrating on the question, junior Brian DeKock works on his World War II test in Mrs. Pat Price's fourth hour U.S. History class. For his class project, Brian drew an armored truck.



"The person that I helped was Mrs. Verburg. She is a local resident in DeMotte. What I did for her was I cleaned up the leaves and dirt off her back porch. I raked them and then swept the dirt off the ground. This was a fun thing to do because I knew I was making her life easier. She was very happy to see me helping her out and putting a smile on her face put one on mine," said junior Jordan Van Wienen. Jordan Van Wienen completed this project as extra credit for Mr. Norwine's U.S. History class.



"My favorite topic in Mr. Peo's Class is the Warfare. It let's people know about what is happening in our surrounding area. It tells us how the economy is, as well as our friendships with other countries," said, freshman Christopher Kittle.



Freshman Jordan Murphy





By:  
Sam Phillips

# Technology

## Winning it all at "Tech T.R.E.K."

Whether you were building bridges, welding things together, drawing on the computer, working on the new machines, or competing in "Tech T.R.E.K.," technology students had plenty to do.

Among all the others, principles of Engineering and Computer Integrated Manufacturing were two new classes. They were full year classes offered to juniors and seniors who had already passed Intro to Engineering Design and Digital Electronics.

Daniel Mendoza, who took CIM said, "the phrase that was probably most used in this class was "I don't know why I did that," or "I don't know what happened (in reference to computer mistakes)." The class also used Fisher-Techniks, which were basically extreme legos. They built a simulated factory with them, and programmed them to do what they wanted them to." The new classes added a new phase to the technology program.



While in Mr. Mike McKay's woods class, sophomore Matthew McCoy focuses on sanding his picture frame to perfection.

Top: Besides working hard in Mr. Jeff Mengel's 6th hour welding class, sophomore Nathan Schultz concentrates on not catching himself or anything else around him on fire.

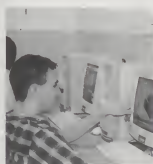


Justin Gaskey



Trying to see how much weight their bridge will hold, Mr. Kevin Kaluf helps Sophomore Karly Gunter put the weights on her bridge. "I was in a group with two other girls, and we built a triangle tower with 25 popsicle sticks. Our tower held 90lbs., the most in our class. Girls shouldn't feel out of place for being in a technology class, even if it is with a bunch of guys," Gunter added.

While working on the new technology machines, senior James Lewandowski said, "I really enjoy the CNC Milling machine, and the Fisher Techniks. So far, we have used the Fisher Techniks to make a mini factory. The mill has been used for milling name plates, jewelry boxes, blue wax blocks and key chains. It's nice to be able to show people what I did in class instead of just talking about it."



Junior Brian Winter



Junior Randi Barcelli

"In CIM class we take 3-D drawings that we make on computers and send it to the mill in CNC coding. The machine does specific movements like straight lines or arcs. When it is finished, the product is a replica of what you made on the computer. It's a great class, and you have fun doing it."

"The best thing about welding class is that it's a hands on class, and you don't have to do any homework. Being the only girl in the class is cool because you don't have to deal with all of the drama and gossip. If other girls don't mind getting dirty, I recommend this class."



On October 27, 24 Freshman and Sophomore teens went to Indiana State's "Tech T.R.E.K." event. Students competed in many technology competitions and problem solving events followed by an all you can eat lunch. After lunch freshmen, Joseph Campbell and John Lapota and sophomores, Edmund Kennedy and Travis McDaniel were selected to compete in the "Technology Bowl" right before the event. They won "Red Sox fashion," they were one question away from elimination and then won the next two rounds. They won the bonus question "What is the development and application of tools, machines, materials and processes that help to solve human problems?" The answer was "technology!" They brought home the "Golden Bowl" trophy.

Michael Zylstra





# Building Trades

By: **Teamwork is what it is all about** Jennifer Bennett

Mr. Kevin Mulvihill has been the only teacher to teach Building Trades which has been a part of the curriculum for 12 years.

Building Trades built a three bedroom, two bathroom 1600 square foot house at 2428 Oriole Drive in Wheatfield. Construction was sponsored by Jasper County REMC and Kapers Building Supply. When it was all done, the house cost \$154,900. Benjamin Abbott said, "Building Trades was definitely the

best part of my senior year. Not only does it give you time away from the normal classroom environment, it lets you have a blast with your friends. Building a house teaches fundamentals of construction as well as skills and concepts that can be applied in any career field."

Eighteen of the original 20 who started the class saw the house to its completion including pouring cement for the driveways and sidewalks in late May.



During Building Trades, seniors Brian Sisco, Justin Garrison and Matthew Brumley pour cement for the footings. Sisco said, "Best part of Building Trades was the learning experience."

Above: While discussing the floor plans, seniors Joseph Rupprath and Benjamin Abbott install the microwave. Joseph said, "I have gained more pride for things now that I've seen all the work that goes into them."



Jeffrey Shelhart

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Doing the finishing touches on the house, senior Stephen Szymanski makes sure the cabinet screws tightly in place. Stephen said, "Not only did I learn things that I can use for the rest of my life, but there was all the good times joking around with my friends and making new friends too that were important to the success of my experience in Mulvihill's Building Trades program."

While senior Troy Colbert fixes the electrical wiring, he said, "The main thing I have learned is electrical. I went into it knowing nothing and came out knowing that I can wire up almost anything in a house. I also learned carpentry skills and brick laying. Building Trades was all beneficial to me!"



Senior Joe Pettit

"I wanted to take Building Trades because I felt like I was making an impact on our society."



Senior Brian Volk

"The main thing that I learned from Building Trades class was the complete understanding and appreciation of everything that goes into building a house from start to finish."



Senior Scott Hoffman



While in one of the two bathrooms in the new house, senior Wayne Heflin puts in cabinets for the vanity and makes sure that the handles are tightly attached to the cabinet.



# What I

# Like

# About



1. Mr. Fifield, and Senior Kirsten Fifield at Senior Night
2. Varsity Football Team
3. Sophomores Kevin O'Neil, Matthew Oliver, Joseph Kent, Don Tilley, Corey Bifoss, Freshman David Walstra, Sophomore Nathanael Stoermann, and Juniors Christopher Walstra and Brandon Phillips at Sectionals
4. Seniors Michelle Schurman and Taryn Porter, and junior Rachel Kikkert share in a Sectional victory cheer.
5. Junior Sean Patrick and opponent in a wrestling grapple.
6. Freshman Alecia Penninga races through the water.

By:  
Amanda &  
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Jessi Jungels

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# Sports

Having a good time and developing a desire to excel was the basis of the sports program. This was seen on various t-shirts which read, "We bust ours, to beat yours," for golf, or "Get better or get used to it," for girls basketball. Coaches like Mr. Tim Adams said, "We (track team) work harder to get better. It's not our fault we leave you in the dust, but get used to it, We'll work harder to keep you there." These positive attitudes were seen in victorious teams, including the ninth-grade football team that was undefeated, the volleyball and the girls' varsity basketball teams who won Sectionals, as well as senior Dominic Willis, who competed at state for wrestling on

February 18.

"My most memorable experience during the football season was winning Homecoming. The entire student body came together, and that was capped off by a Kougars victory," said Senior linebacker Thomas Sandonato.

In the end, sports not only had a positive effect on the players, but the fans and the community as well!



# Git-R-Dun Football

"Touchdown Kougars," is what every single fan wanted to hear as they sat in the stands Friday nights and cheered on their team. Varsity ended their season with a 500 record. Inside the Lake Athletic Conference they finished 5-2.

Behind second year Coach Bob Prescott was the experience of Assistant Coach Tom Sandonato, who brought the experience from his days as an All State Linebacker in Missouri and a nose guard for Division I New Mexico State. For Senior Tom Sandonato who captured the coveted Valley Pride Award having his dad as a coach had been "a little hard" as he heard about the game at practice and at home.

Kougars decided on a no-huddle offense which was led by Senior Gentry Brown. "The no-huddle offense was a great weapon. We could control the clock and keep the defenses on their toes," said Brown. One senior who helped the Kougars was Shane Byers, who was injured in the first quarter of the Highland Sectional game. Byers was the leading rusher. On his second drive, he went down and landed with an upper arm injury. He was forced to sit on the sidelines and watch his team lose to Highland.

Additional awards presented were Perfect Summer Attendance- Jason Zavala, Wesley Clifton, and Joseph Kent.



Nick Wright



Front Row: Nathan Asbridge, Kevin O'Neal, Joshua Fitiold, Dustin Wilson, Dustin Warner, Joshua Marshall, Alex Byers, Dan Sharp  
Row 2: Ryan Boerman, David Walstra, Matthew Simmons, Frank Bestich, Corey Molden, Thomas Cooley, Jacob Fernandez, Casey Boyel, Shane Boyer, Clint Seegess, Augustus McCloskey  
Row 3: Varsity Coach Robert Prescott, Coach John Gray, Thomas Ramsey, Timothy Mandeville, Joseph Swartz, Justin Garrison, Nick Wright, Thomas Sandonato, Garry Jones, Joseph Kent, Christopher Mestrovich, Bradley Herr, Tyler Ritchie, Coach Thomas Sandonato, Coach Ryan Armstrong  
Row 4: Athletic Trainer Michael Bayci, Coach Mike Pao, Samuel Newton, Randall Hilton, Joshua Colter, Zachary Prairie, Gentry Brown, Benjamin Bryan, Adam Misch, Mitchell Sysma, Michael Fletcher, Andrew McKee  
Back row: Coach Joseph Morris, Jason Zavala, William Recker, Steven Hatch, Aaron Hebda, Sean Patrick, Seth Kulpel, Kevin Zuchowski, Adam McDaniel, Wesley Clifton, Shane Byers, Benjamin Stein, Ryan VanderLugt, Coach Ryan Myers



Gentry Brown



While on defense, Sophomore Kevin O' Neal made a quick direction change to tackle the Hammond Gavitt offensive player during the Homecoming game. Kougars won Homecoming 33-14.

During the Hammond Clark game, senior Ryan Vanderlugt went after Clark to stop them from scoring another touchdown. Kougars beat Clark 46-19.



During a vigorous and very intense game, junior Benjamin Stein takes a break to rehydrate his body for when Coach Prescott calls him back onto the field.

During their final game against Highland, Coach Prescott called a timeout and the offense huddled together to help get their heads back into the game.



Searching the field, senior Seth Kuiper spots the signal. "The season started off slow, but unfortunately before I knew it, it was over. This was my senior year, and it just ended so quick. I didn't realize until the last game how much it meant to me," said Kuiper.



## Sports Shorts

How many Seniors have played football all 4 years?

6 out of 8 Seniors

What percentage of guys on the football team are over 6 foot?

43%

**By: Ashlee Matson**

While standing on the sidelines of the Highland game, injured player Benjamin Stein watches his teammates out on the field. The game was the end of the season for the Kougars.

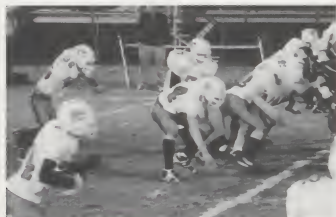
# Touchdown Football

Freshmen went undefeated as they played traditionally powerhouse teams such as Munster, Whiting, and Rensselaer. Freshman David Walstra who played both Freshmen and Varsity remembered his first year of football as incredible. Walstra and the rest of the freshmen came from an eighth grade year of winning only one game. "Basically attitude is everything, which I know we have all heard before. I just finally learned it this year. We may all have the ability to do great things, but attitude determines what you do and how well you do it," said Walstra.



Freshman Corey Molden also loved his first year because of the really good season they had. "A winning attitude finally came back to me and the KV football program and with every game the winning kept getting better and better," said Molden.

Scott Patrick Valley Pride Awards were earned by JV player Benjamin Bryan and Freshman Alex Byers.



"Hike," said senior Quarterback Gentry Brown, as Junior Adam McDaniel ran forward ready for the ball against the Highland defense. "The game against Highland was a big let down for me. I hated to end a season that way," said McDaniel.

Running on to the field before the Homecoming game, foreign exchange student Jan Dannheisig and junior Benjamin Bryan get their game faces ready for a challenging game. "Football was so much fun since it was my first year ever playing. I enjoyed it a lot," said senior Jan Dannheisig.

By: Ashlee Matson





"Playing football has been a great experience. I will never forget the friendships I have made throughout football. I will never forget the lessons I have learned," said senior Gentry "Downtown" Brown.

"This was a turning point for our program. I truly believe that the future holds a lot for our underclassmen. Thanks to all the coaches," said senior Shane Byers.



During a great play made by the offense, Coach Thomas Sandonato raised his arms in triumph. This helped the Kougars in the Rensselaer game. Kougars played tough, but lost in the end.



Running off the field during a Kougars timeout, sophomore Frank Bestich looked at Coach Robert Prescott for further instruction.



Ready for defense against Hammond Gavit, the front line gets in their stance to tackle them and stop the ball from getting a first down.



Kicking off for the Lake Station game, senior Zachary Prairie opens the season. Kougars beat Lake Station for their first win.



## Sports Shorts

How many Seniors played football in 2004?

8 Seniors

How many Juniors played football in 2004?

13 Juniors

How many Sophomores played football in 2004?

17 Sophomores

How many Freshmen played football in 2004?

15 Freshmen

# Run Forest Cross-Country

Participating in a highly competitive successful sport, Cross Country runners cleared the difficulties and advanced to regionals for the girls and Semi-state for the boys. One such hurdle was injury. One of the injuries for the boys was a rare stress fracture to junior Jeremy Jackson's hip. "The type of injury Jeremy suffered was a first for the specialist who treated him. It was both barrels-right between the eyes for an otherwise very, very good team," said Coach Walt Prochno.

At Sectionals Senior Aleesha Wall placed in the top 15 and advanced to Regionals. Junior Jamie Vandermolen still managed to run despite having to bandage her legs for shin splints.

A second problem was numbers, at regionals Prochno had to borrow two girls from the soccer team in order to qualify a team. "The soccer kids came through great! They ran right around 18 minutes. They definitely did their job!" said Prochno.



Front Row: Patrick Cusack, John Laski, Joseph Barrera, Ryan Smeltzer. Back Row: Coach Walt Prochno, Nelson Wilder, Sean Warren, Nathan Schultz, Jeremy Jackson, Cole Patrick, Timothy Cusack, Assistant Coach Johnathan Polomchak.

*By: Daine Willis*



"Even though I went to Semi-state four times with the team, we(the team) never made it all the way to state. Training with the Cross Country team helped me stay in shape for my other sports and taught me self discipline and determination," said senior Dominic Willis.



"Over all, this year was a success. It felt good being on a winning team finally. Semi-State is a good feeling and one good of an experience." said senior Nelson Wilder.

"Cross Contry was a different experience from the injured side, but I still stuck through it and helped out the team," said sophomore Sean Warren.



"Running in a Conference meet for the second time this year means a lot. It was hard but fun, and I really enjoyed the competition and seeing all the people I'll see in the sectionals and regional meets," said Aleesha Wall.



"The season was tough, but I feel that we did well, since we advanced to Semi-State." said freshman John Laski



"This cross country season started off a little rough because we didn't have a full girls team. However, a few more girls came out eventually, and we had a lot of fun this year." said junior Clarisa Bonilla



Coach Walt Prochno, Clarisa Bonilla, Jamie VanderMolen, Danielle Faulkenburg, Karleen Gunter, Aleesha Wall, Assistant Coach Johnathon Polomchak.



## Sports Awards

Boys: Most Valuable Runner-Jeremy Jackson  
Rookie of the Year- Nelson Wilder  
Academic Award- Ryan Smeltzer  
Most Dedicated- Ryan Smeltzer  
Most Improved- Joseph Barrera  
Captain- Jeromy Jackson

Girls: Most Valuable Runner- Aleesha Wall  
Most Dedicated- Aleesha Wall  
Academic Award- Clarisa Bonilla  
Captain- Aleesha Wall

# Kickin' Back

## Soccer

Cheers of the fans and the tug of the grass on one's cleats brought one thing to mind: soccer. While the girls played hard and were very competitive, they always found time to have fun together. "Soccer makes school more fun knowing that I get to play soccer every day afterwards," said Senior Jennifer Matusiak.

Junior Forward, Emma Cunningham was named KV's first-ever All-District 1 Soccer player at a recent Indiana Soccer Coaches Association meeting. Emma was also named KV's ISCA MVP. "I was really surprised when I found out, but I was happy that I was chosen out of a lot of athletes."

Even through all of the hard work, the girls enjoyed their time together. "One of my most memorable moments was practicing our drills in the pouring rain, during our last practice of the season knowing how much we had accomplished and the fun we had just being together during it," said sophomore Bethany Clark.

Sweat rolled down the faces of the goalie as the KV forward approached. Senior Trent Dorn was often seen rushing the opponent's goal at their varsity games. Dorn received the Mr. Hustle award and Varsity Most Dedicated. Boys ended their season with a record of 5 wins and 11 losses. "I was happy with our season record. We worked pretty hard, but it was all worth it," said Junior Colin Serocinski.



Boys Soccer Front Row: Joshua Tillema, Dean Tillema, Micha Rabel, Nick Leach, Daniel Hudspeth, Derek VanderMolen, Bill VanderWoude. Row 2: Daniel Corolla, Scott Conley, Aaron Stoermann, Travis McDaniel, Nathan Graf, Andrew Talarek, Colin Serocinski, John Lapota. Back Row: Mike Hunter, Craig Curtis, Mark Melton, Trent Dorn, Llogan Serocinski, Nathaneal Stoermann, Benjamin Ewen, Kyle Jansma, Coach Joni VanderWoude, Coach Duane VanderWoude, Kevin Nelms, Andrew Tillema, Michael Fletcher, Alexander Warren, Justin DeKock, Brian Winter, Nathan Kats, Nelson Wilder, Coach Jason VanderWoude.

Throwing the ball back out into play, sophomore Karly Gunter saves the opponent from scoring a point.

**By: Elizabeth Moran  
and Catti Dickerson**





Beating his opponent to the ball, freshman John Lapota focuses on his next move. "In a game of two, there will always be one winner and one loser. If you win, it proves you are more skilled than your opponent. If you lose, you just need to work harder," said Lapota.

"I look forward to catching my breath when I get called out for just a minute. Soccer is such a fast paced game, and it is sometimes hard to keep up. I need time to tie my shoes!"

Junior Llogan Serocinski.



During the JV game, sophomore Mary Kathryn Frederick said, "Winning didn't mean everything to our team, but winning made the season even better."



"I felt that so many friendships were made during the season, and a lot of people improved during the season which is better than any record shows," commented freshman Jillian Conley.



Between games, senior Kyle Jansma practices his skills. Jansma said, "Winning isn't everything, but good sportsmanship is equally important. It makes the game more enjoyable."



Girls Soccer Team Front Row: Lauren Latki, Karleen Gunter, Row 2: Katrina VanderWoude, Melissa Roldan, Alana Williams, Jennifer Matusiak, Brittany Warren, Destiny Baccino, Brianna Patton, Morgan Myers, Anne Janavich. Row 3: Jennifer Kurowsky, Alecia Penninga, Alison Shultz, Lindsay Skratsky, Brittany Niemiec, Kelly Drake, Lauren Leegwater, Bethany Ferguson, Jennifer Bullard, Amanda Keefer, Jillian Conley, Lindsay Beeching. Back Row: Coach Lewallen, Emma Cunningham, Melanie Daniels, Rachel Kikkert, Keely Woods, Kathryn Huhn, Page Walczak, Cassie Coiffer, Corrine Janavich, Allison Plopper, Amanda Ledger, Coach Thomason



## Sports Shorts

What percent of each class plays soccer?

Seniors	17%
Juniors	14%
Sophomores	20%
Freshmen	49%

# Spike Down Volleyball

Hustling players, yelling coaches, cheering fans and victories created a 33-5 record for the Lady Kougars. Dominated by seniors, Kougars beat Gary Wallace, Gary Wirt and Andean at Sectionals after which they headed to Plymouth where they beat Hammond Morton for the first game, but lost to South Bend St. Joseph in game two. Coach Ashmore said, "We eased up on defense. We've done it all season. We get a good lead and can't hold on."

Lady Kougars and their 100 or so fans sat in silence and shock after the Indians won the final game by a four point advantage.

"This season was great, and will probably be the most remembered," said senior Kirsten Fifield who was one of four players who had played together since seventh grade. Fellow players were Taryn Porter, Jill DeVries, and Michelle Berg.

Varsity Awards were given to Taryn Porter - MVP, Megan Kikkert-Best Offensive Player, Kirsten Fifield-Best Defensive Player, Michelle Schurman-Kougar Pride, Michelle Berg-Sportsmanship, and Angela Donis who received the award for Most Improved.

JV had a record of 2 and 10, "The best part of this season was being able to be with such great girls who get so excited over what they absolutely love!" said Sophomore Brittany Scott. "JV awards included Erin Molon who received the Kougar Pride, Freshman Award and Stevie Alexander who received the Kougar Pride Award.



Varsity: Front row: Michelle Berg, Michelle Schurman, Kirsten Fifield, Taryn Porter, Megan Kikkert, Coach Rick Ashmore. Row 2: Angela Donis, Ashley Martin, Kirah Fifield, Jill DeVries. Row 3: Brittany Scott, Lindsey Shea, Jessie Jungles



While at Lowell, Senior Kirsten Fifield sets up the ball in preparation to slam it into the Lady Red Devils court.



Gathering during a time out, the girls had to do very little to get each other pumped up for the remainder of the game. "This is really cool. With this being my Senior year, we really wanted to win this (KV) tourney," said senior Michelle Schurman.

Captain of the Lady Kougars Varsity team senior Taryn Porter assisted Senior Jill DeVries by setting up for a point winning spike. Taryn, as well as, Megan Kikkert tried out for the All-Star team and was accepted.



Trying her hardest to defeat the Red Devils defense and earn a much deserved point for the Varsity Team, junior Ashley Martin strikes the ball showing that she wont back down against their defenses.



Senior Left-side hitter Michelle Schurman was a big part in the teams' success. By putting her solid defense to work and ending plays with strong skills, the Lady Kougars defeated the Indians.



Just before the start of the game, senior Michelle Berg runs through returns with sophomore Angela Donis. Practice before the game was what all the girls relied on to perfect their skills and increase their chances of winning.



JV: Front Row : Detra Wood, Erin Molon, Kira Fifield, Laura Myers, and Courtney McGraw. BackRow: Shanna Townsend Crystal Cabalero, Julie Hamstra, Lindsey Shea, Brittany Scott, Stevie Alexander, Head Coach Rick Ashmore



## Sports Shorts

Best Serve Percentage- Taryn Porter .976%

Most Aces- Michelle Schurman 89

Most Kills- Megan Kikkert 353

Most Assists- Taryn Porter 969

Most Digs- Kirsten Fifield 241

Most Blocks- Jill DeVries 165

**By:Michelle Motan**

# Shootin' Hoops

## Boys Basketball

*Injury wasn't something that happened to the boys' very often, but it changed against Andean. Senior Nelson Wilder slipped in a puddle of sweat when he fell and landed on his arm. Wilder received a fractured arm that put him into a cast that cost him the season. "I was really sad because I knew that I couldn't play the rest of the season. I felt like I just let the team down," said Wilder.*

*Senior Justin DeKock received a basketball scholarship to Spring Arbor in Michigan to play. Along with DeKock, senior Matthew Jurs will also be playing basketball next year at Manchester. "I'm going to miss all the seniors. They were a bunch of fun guys to be around. I wish them the best of luck next year," said sophomore Daniel Lewallen.*

*Sectionals started on March 1 against Gary Lew Wallace. They lost 107 to 80. The team ended with a less than 500 season.*

*Awards handed out included: Varsity Desire: Kyle Jansma and Nelson Wilder, Chairman of the Boards: Justin DeKock and Blue Collar Man: Matthew Jurs.*



Front Row: Nelson Wilder, Kyle Jansma, Nicholas Miranda, Jordan Van Wienen, Daniel Mendoza. Back Row: Daniel Lewallen, Adam McDaniel, Matthew Hamstra, Justin DeKock, Matthew Jurs, Bertl Carl Valenkamp, Joseph Peretin.

**By: Ashlee Matson**

"In some aspects we did accomplish what we wanted to. We wanted to win more games than we did. Realistically, we were in a lot of games until the end, and we only lost by a few points," said senior Justin DeKock. Before the start of the game, the boys' would bust through a paper tunnel. On this specific night, the tunnel said "Good luck Seniors" because it would be their last home game of their season. "I think my most memorable game was when we played Munster. We lost by six points, but it was one of the best games we played as a team all year," said DeKock.



Joseph Peretin

Trying to concentrate on making the 3 point shot sophomore Daniel Lewallen jumps into the air with great enthusiasm to make the shot. Only seconds left into

half time, the points would help the boys' greatly. Lewallen was left open with the great screen from his teammates.



While playing against Boone Groove, senior Matthew Jurs tries to grab the ball from going out of bounds. "I felt my season was successful, as a leader, and I learned how to play defense at a higher level. I'm ready to play college ball," said Jurs.

Looking for a teammate to pass the ball to, senior Kyle Jansma looks for a scoring option. "My most memorable game was against West Side. It was the first game I started in for high school. I had my best game of my career that night. It was a lot of fun. We stayed close in the first half when no one thought we could," said Jansma.



As Junior Nicholas Miranda crosses half court, he stops to get the play started. "I feel that our team got even closer as the season progressed. We went through some ups and downs, but that's what life's about."



"The most memorable thing this season was when we played Andean there. Our goal was to shut down their top player Harongody and keep the score within 10. We ended up shutting down Harongody holding him to only 4 points. We didn't win the game, but it was very intense," said Junior Jordon VanWienen.



With the clock running down, senior Nelson Wilder steals the ball from the Hammond High player.



## Expect to WIN!!

- **Practicing for Sectionals** included going to Gary West Side and practicing in their gym.
- **Captains for the Varsity Team:** Justin DeKock, Joseph Peretin and Matthew Jurs
- **Midnight Madness:** Boys took to the floor officially at Midnight on November 8.
- **Saying Good-bye:** After seven years of coaching varsity basketball, Coach Tom Black left the helm. In addition to his coaching, Mr. Black will be missed for his 'Family' Day activities which included Hi-Fives in the halls.



# Take it to the Hoop

## JV/Freshmen Basketball

*Teamwork and loyalty dominated the floor as the junior varsity compiled a 5 - 15 season. "Loyalty and commitment are the backbone of any team. Loyalty is as essential in team sports as it is in life. Commitment to teammates is like commitment to family, and if teammates won't have loyalty and willingness to sacrifice love to one another there is no success, there is no team at all," said Varsity Coach Tom Black. JV Awards included: Most Improved and Top Rebounder: Matt Hamstra, Top Defender: Jordan VanWienen, and Most Improved: Dean Tillema.*

*"Team work is functioning as one single unit. Team achievements can be much more rewarding than individual achievement, due to the added sense of sharing the success with others and the relationships have been were built along the way," said Freshmen Coach Bill Shepherd. Before every game the whole team would pray for the teams' safety and for a good outcome. During the Hanover Central game, freshman Alex Byers sprained his ankle, and was out two weeks. Freshmen A and B teams recorded 15-5 and 1-6 seasons respectively. Awards included Most Improved: Joey White, Free Throw Percentage: Micah Raebel 84%, Kougax Hustle: Joshua Tillema, and Mental Attitude: Derek Vandermolen.*



Joshua Fifield



Front row: Micah Raebel, Joshua Fifield, John Laski, Derek Vandermolen, Jordan Kolb, Kenny Proud, Row 2: Anthony Johnson, Joshua Tillema, Mitchell Sysma, Michael Fletcher, Joey White, Kevin Nelms. Back row: Coach Bill Shepherd, Jacob Watts, Ryan Boezeman, William Recker, Nathan Kats, Andrew Prentoski, Joseph Campbell, Alex Byers.

**By: Carri Dickerson**



Daniel Mendoza



Joshua Tillema



While Ryan Boezeman defends a Wheeler player, Alex Byers runs over to screen and try to force a turnover without getting fouled out of the game.

Inches away from the foul line, junior Matthew Hamstra passes the ball to his teammate who was positioned for a lay up.



"My goal for my junior year is to steal the ball during a Sectional game and go into a lay up and dunk the ball," said sophomore Mark Melton.



"Hopefully, we can end this season on a good note, no matter what changes we go through from this season to the next, as long as every one is willing to sacrifice, that is what I hope everyone gets out of this season", said sophomore Corey Morse.



Front row: Mark Melton, Cody Jansma, Corey Morse, Scot Wilder. Back row: Dean Tillemma, Jacob Fernandez, Frank Bestich, Michael Collins, Cory Bifoss, Adam Garling



Trying to make a lay up, sophomore Scot Wilder focuses in on the ball so he can dribble past a Cavit player.



## Did you know ?

When the Varsity and JV win a game, they sing the school song "The KV Fight Song".

Every Friday home game the moms of all the players serve them dinner at school that night.

For every away game some of the moms all get together and give the boys sack lunches and drinks.

On Saturday mornings the boys are given sliced oranges by the managers.



# Cutting down the Net Girls' Sectionals

"Words could not describe how I felt. I was so happy for the players. I was amazed by the excitement of the crowd. I was happy that we won, and I was saddened because that was my last game in that gym. I was proud to be part of history," said Coach John Gray, after winning the first Sectional since 1997.

Sectionals opened on Tuesday February 8 against Gary Roosevelt 45 to 40. Game two found the Kougars matched against O4 victims, Low Wallace 57 to 29. That helped them into the championship game against Andean who they beat earlier in the season. "It felt great because we knew that we had beat them before so it was possible for us to win. Everyone stayed calm and kept a good head. We were all very confident. It was just a feeling deep down inside that it was our "time" to win Sectionals," said Senior Jamie Anderson.

Regionals were held in Twin Lakes on Saturday, February 19, where they played the number one team in the state, South Bend St. Joe. They lost 72-43. "No matter what happened in Regionals our girls will still always be champions. They still made history, and they gave the school a lot to be happy about. I couldn't ask for a better way to end my career here," said Coach Gray.



Front Row: Cassandra Pollard, Michelle Schurman, Jamie Anderson, Kirsten Fifield, Michelle Berg, Megan Passaloukos, Taryn Porter. Row 2: Rachel Kikkert, Emma Cunningham, Cassandra Coffey, Kelli Hamstra, Olivia Ortiz, Kirah Fifield, Angela Donis, Keely Woods. Back Row: Varsity Head Coach John Gray, Varsity Assistant Coach Ryan Armstrong, JV Coach Mike Sampson, Volunteer Freshman Coach Woods, and Freshman Coach Rick Cunningham.



After beating Andean in the championship game, senior Michelle Schurman is embraced by the crowd. Schurman has played on Varsity since her sophomore year. Schurman's junior year she was captain of the Varsity team. As a senior she got the most rebounds as she dominated in the paint. Schurman was made 1st team All Conference.

**By: Ashlee Matson**



After beating Andean 43-28 in the final quarter of the game on February 12, Senior girls stood with the championship trophy and the game ball as

cameras flashed from every angle of the gym as fans recorded the first win in eight years. It was Coach Gray's final performance as Varsity's head coach.



"When I was shooting my free-throws I was really nervous because all I could think was what Coach Gray always told us, Free throws are going to win us a Sectional Championship, and look what happened," said Senior Kirsten Fifield.



With minutes left, Andean threw everything they could at the Sectional team. Junior Emma Cunningham fought to get open against their press.



After beating Andean, Freshman Kelli Hamstra cuts down a slice of the net for a keepsake.

For years, Coach Gray has taken his Varsity team to Class Photography to get team pictures done. Class Photography took their picture and the moms of the players made it into a poster for them to hang in the hallway during post season play.



## Awards

Most Rebounds- Michelle Schurman: 161

Most Improved- Cassandra Coffey

Miss Defense- Kirsten Fifield

Best Field Goal Percentage- Michelle Schurman: 49%

Captains- Megan Passaloukos; Taryn Porter

Mental Attitude- Cassandra Pollard

Best Free Throw Percentage- Emma Cunningham: 78%

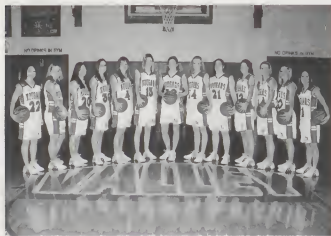


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## Girls Varsity/JV B-Ball

*In the jaw dropping Sectional championship game, there were 3 minutes left in the fourth quarter. Andean was leading by 5 points. Junior Emma Cunningham stole the ball and put two more points on the score board, and the game turned around. There was steal after steal and before the Kougars knew it, the score was 43-28. At the buzzer the whole crowd pouted on the floor to congratulate the 2005 Sectional champs.*

*The season was filled with many memorable moments. Sophomore Kirah Fijfield said, "Winning Sectionals and cutting down the nets was the best part." Her older sister Kirsten Fijfield said, "The season certainly had its ups and downs. I'm really sad it's my last year playing with a group of girls that I love. I'm leaving this school with the memory of winning Sectionals and celebrating it with friends and family." The girls season finished with a final record of 12-12. Conference record was 3-4.*



Kirsten Fijfield, Michelle Berg, Jamie Anderson, Taym Porter, Cassandra Pollard, Angela Donis, Michelle Schurman, Rachel Kikkert, Megan Passaloukos, Keely Woods, Cassandra Coffey, Emma Cunningham, and Kirah Fijfield.

*By: Daine Willis*

"With losing our first six games and ending up winning 12 out of our last 18 games, it was definitely an unforgettable memory," said junior Rachel Kikkert.



Cassandra Coffey



While being blocked out, senior Kirsten Fifeild fights for the rebound.

"Basketball was awesome! Winning Sectionals was great because of all the people who made it so memorable. The crowd was great, and the coaches were supportive," said junior Emma Cunningham. Cunningham, crosses over to keep the defensive team from recovering the ball.



Sophomore Kirah Fifeild outruns the Munster defense while dribbling the ball down the court. "Kirah helped the team to victory in many ways.



Pulling up for a jump shot with some air, Senior Michelle Schurman adds two points onto the score.



Front Row: Katherine Hubbeling, Angela Donis, Stevie Alexander, Row 2: Nicole Henning, Keely Woods, Jacquelynne Scheldt, Brittany Scott. Back Row: Kelli Hamstra, Kirah Fifeild, Olivia Ortiz.



## Most Memorable Moments

Kirsten Fifeild- When we played like a team at Andean  
Michelle Berg- Senior night and its injuries  
Jamie Anderson- Senior night  
Taryn Porter- Listening to "Black Betty" before games  
Cassandra Pollard- Senior night  
Angela Donis- Making most of my free throws  
Michelle Schurman- Cutting down the nets at Sectionals  
Rachel Kikkert- Wearing the wrong Jersey for team pics  
Megan Passaloukos- The dedicated old men in the corner  
Keely Woods- Eating out at "Ryans" before Sectionals  
Cassandra Coffey- Getting together for Senior night  
Emma Cunningham- Winning Sectionals  
Kirah Fifeild- In the locker room before games

Megan Passaloukos



With one second left in the quarter, Freshman Kelli Hamstra takes a shot. "I shot the ball, and I was really surprised when it went in after the buzzer sounded," said Hamstra.

# New Look, New Season Cheerleading at its best

*If you walked down the hallway on a Friday during football season, you would have seen ladies proudly wearing their red and white, posters wishing the football players good luck, and most of all school spirit. The ladies did not only decorate the school, but they also decked out the Varsity players' bedrooms. "My first time decorating a football player's house, I got the bright idea to put some streamers on the ceiling fan. When my friend flipped the switch, paper flew in the air. I felt really bad, but we left anyways," said freshman Jillian Kolb.*

CAITLIN SITTEMA



*Cheerleading team had some changes at the end of basketball season. There would be no more male lifters. "Cheerleading was a lot different without the lifters, but we became stronger because we did all of our own stunts. It's actually better," said junior Caitlin Sittema. A second change was the death of freshman cheerleader Kaylah Sutton.*

*Awards were won by: Varsity Mental Attitude: Melania Klunder, Varsity Miss Kougarettes: Megan Bierma and Meagan Clarich. Junior Varsity Most Spirited: Crystal Flores and Junior Varsity Most Improved: Emily Stein, Freshman Most Improved: Amanda O'Neal, and Freshman Most Spirited: Hannah Sparks. Girls were coached by Janet Witeman.*

While the cheerleaders entertain the crowd at the Homecoming pep session, Senior Brittany Luketic moves to the beat.



Senior Janelle Kondos smiles as she tries to get the crowd at the football game to join in with the cheers. They often helped the crowd spell out K-O-U-G-A-R-S to encourage the players.



Calling for a 'K', freshman Devon Southard depends on fellow cheerleaders to keep her balanced in midair.



Megan Bierma



Waiting for the game to begin, Varsity cheerleaders Ashlee Bonesteel, Megan Bierma, Caitlin Sittima, and Ashley Tronjo take a minute to smile for the camera before they have to begin cheering.



Smiling nervously as she tries to keep her balance, Freshman Kaylah Sutton trusts her teammates to hold her steadily during their stunts. "Trust is such a big part of our stunts. If you don't trust your teammates, it makes it so hard."



Smiling as she tries to keep warm, Junior Ashlee Bonesteel leads her team in cheers, even through the blistering cold. Some football games were as cold as 35 degrees.



Encouraging the younger fans to cheer at a basketball game, the Kougars mascot borrows some pom-poms from a young friend.



Performing their stunts at a Varsity game, the cheerleaders work together as a team to entertain the crowd by supporting each other in a pyramid.



Varsity Front Row: Chrissie Sullivan, Brittany Luketic, Meagan Clarich, Megan Bierma, Janelle Kondos. Back Row: Ashlee Bonesteel, Ashley Tronjo, Melanie Klunder, Caitlin Sittima, Amanda Evans.



Junior Varsity Front Row: Emily Stein, Crystal Flores. Back Row: Samantha Medina, Christina Roorda, Amber Gooden.



Freshman Front Row: Kaylah Sutton. Row 2: Amanda O'Neal, Hannah Sparks. Back Row: Devon Suthers, Jillian Kolb.

**By: Elizabeth Motan**



# Makin' Laps

## Swimming

Teams wrapped in towels hunched over the side of the pool cheating for their teammates was a common sight at swim meets. Toggled up goggles, dripping shammies, and the flash of the starting signal all left their mark in the minds of the 6 and 6 season swimmers.

Experienced swimmer Brittanie Cheverette continued to amaze coaches and fans throughout Northwest Indiana with record breaking times. Senior Taylor Clifford also entertained crowds when she broke the 50 freestyle record of 26.13 seconds set at Sectionals. She reset her own record in the 100 freestyle, with a 58.13.

Boys' swim team had an entertaining season with a record of 7 to 6. They finished 6th at the Lake Athletic Conference Meet, and 3rd out of 9 teams at our own Invitational. Awards were given to Girls Most Valuable Swimmers Taylor Clifford and Brittanie Cheverette. Most Improved, Emily Penninga, and Rookie of the Year Lindsay Sittema. As for boys', Brandon DeYoung took home the Rookie of the Year award. Nathan Schultz was the Most Valuable Diver and William Whited took home Most Valuable Swimmer.



Girls Swimming Front Row: Coach Stephens, Jessica Dehning, Melanie Daniels, Tonya Brockway, Brooke Davis, Katherine Misiak, Alisha Penninga, Anne Janavich, Aleesha Wall, Christine Miles, Elizabeth Studer, Bethany Ferguson, Jennifer Myer, Anastasia Wagner. Back Row: Julie Hamstra, Lindsey Beeching, Emily Penninga, Corinne Janavich, Lindsay Sittema, Kathryn Huhn, Mary K. Frederick, Taylor Clifford, and Brittanie Cheverette.



Reaching for her toes, freshman Corinne Janavich tries perfecting her dive during warm up time before the meet. The level of difficulty varied depending on which dive you are attempting during a meet. Average scores were 4 1/2 to 6.

**By: Elizabeth Moran**



Ryan Smeltzer

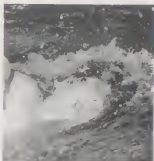


Watching the water as he soars through the air, freshman Jonathan Clifford grabs his legs as he prepares to enter the water. Practice sessions for the divers were held before almost every meet.

Taking a minute to catch her breath, senior Aleesha Wall practices before the Twin Lakes meet. Twin Lakes was one of the most competitive teams the Kougars faced.



Popping his head out of the water for a split second, freshman Scott Conley gasps for breath. "My first year in swimming was really great, I loved learning new things from the Seniors. They really had a lot to teach us."



As she turns her head for a quick breath, junior Brittanie Cheverette warms up before the meet. The girls were usually required to swim at least 200-m before each meet to get themselves ready for the competition.



Boys' Swimming Front Row: Ryan Smeltzer, Scott Conley, Micheal Staples, Sean Warren, Jacob Bristol, Blaine Gross, Robert Erwin, Jonathan Clifford, Trent Jackson. Back Row: Joshua Garrison, Nathan Schultz, Adam Bowman, Damon Ewen, William Whited, Brandon DeYoung, Coach Dan Roberts, and manager Tiffany Philpot.



**Stuff you didn't know about the swimmers...**

Every meet was assigned to a different swimmer. Treat bags were a welcomed gift.

**\*Popular treats handed out\***

- Gatorade
- Goldfish Crackers
- Cookies
- Candy Bars
- Gum
- Pencils
- Sandwiches
- Crackers



Twisting and contorting his body into the position he needs for the best dive, sophomore Nathan Schultz focuses on positioning his hands above his head to make a clean splash the judges will appreciate.

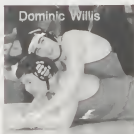


# "Pin it to win it"

## Wrestling

When asked to define wrestling, sophomore Edmund Kennedy said, "Wrestling is a sport where real tough guys work hard and exceed to a level that no one else can possibly think of, and they will do anything possible to achieve that level of excellence." After grueling practices and long days at invites, they achieved a record of 9 and 21 on the mats. "There's no such thing as working too hard or being too tired to accomplish your goals," said sophomore Tyler Ritchie. Junior wrestlers Cole Patrick, Patrick Cusack, Patrick Prochno, Sean Patrick and senior Dominic Willis advanced out of the Sectional and spent the rest of the week preparing for a strong competition at the LaPorte Regional where Willis advanced to Semi-State.

At Semi-State Willis barely made weight at 189, checking in 0.1 under the two-pound allowance. He sweated out a 4-2 triumph over Lowell's Ethan Winel in the finals. On the way off the mat, he told Winel he'd see him in the same round at State. "I will never forget watching Dom beat Lowell's Ethan Winel. It's just one of those things everyone should see. It was awesome!", said junior Sean Patrick. Varsity Awards went to: Most Valuable Wrestler, Academic and Most Dedicated: Dominic Willis; Most Improved: Sean Patrick.



Front Row: Patrick Cusack, John Lapota, Nicholas Kearney.  
Row 2: Timothy Cusack, Patrick Prochno, Tyler Ritchie, Corey Molden, Joseph Barrera, Shane Sparger, Cole Patrick, Jason Zavala. Back row: Coach Walt Prochno, Timothy Mandeville, Logan Sessions, Sean Patrick, Dominic Willis, Wesley Clifton, Augustus McCloskey, Assistant Coach Jason Polomchak.

Getting into position, Senior Dominic Willis prepares himself for his next opponent. Willis became the first wrestler in school history to win a Semi-State title with a record of 44-3. "He's become the most successful guy we've had," said Coach Prochno. "He's a two time Semi-State finalist, a two time Sectional champ, and he has been in the finals of two regionals and two semi-states."



Dominic Willis

Wrestling 106



Picture taken by Mrs. Anna Daniels

After a quick start, junior Patrick Prochno goes in for a pin. "Wrestling is the most physically and mentally demanding sport, and is only for a select few people", said Prochno. Patrick, as well as Willis and Prochno placed 2nd in their various weight classes at the Lake Athletic Conference.

Using a headlock to his advantage, junior Sean Patrick looks for the winning call. "You're put on a mat with your opponent, and you can't blame it on anyone but yourself if you lose. If you win, then it's because you did it," said Sean.



Taking hold of his Merrillville opponent, Senior Logan Sessions places his hands underneath his chest, getting a tighter grip before going in for the pin. Logan and Dominic Willis have wrestled together since middle school with Prochno as their coach.



Trying his hardest to break free from this hold, freshman John Lapota struggles against his Whiting opponent. This hold added points to his already rising score.



Showing one of his mastered moves, junior Cole Patrick takes down his opponent at Highland. Cole wrestled in the 140 pound weight class.



## Did you know the Routine?

Daily practice consisted of.....

-6 minutes of Stair laps (average 12)

More than 100 :

- push ups
- Airplanes
- Stretches
- Leg Lifts
- V- Ups
- Chinese Sit-ups
- Super man push ups

\*They start with 64X per exercise and increase it by one every day.

Think about it. Could you be a wrestler?

**By: Michelle Moran**



# Just'a Swingin'

## Girls and Boys Golf

Youth dominated the victory cup for the girls golf. Shooting a 92 at Sectionals, sophomore Emily Stein traveled to LaPorte's Beechwood Golf Course where she shot a 110 to finish her first varsity season. Keeping pace with the more experienced Stein as well as Ashlee Donesteele, freshman Kelsey Allen hit a 118 at Sectionals. Coached by Mr. Doug Greenlee, the Lady Kougars ended with a record of 6 and 13. Awards were given to: Emily Stein, MVP; Ashley Jonkman, Most Consistent Golfer; Jotie Kingma, Most Improved Golfer; Rookie of the Year, Kelsey Allen; and Morgann VanKley, Golf Etiquette Award.

With their very own golf course changing before them, the boys and girls golf teams had to change with it. "The construction has made us have all away matches and forced us to play at least one new course every week. It has made us a better team and prepared us for Sectionals," commented senior James Lewandowski regarding the renovation of their home course at Sandy Pines. The boys were led by Coach Tom Black in his final season at KV. Sectional team members included Royce Havens, Jeff McMillan, James Lewandowski, Colin Setocinski, and LLogan Setocinski. Awards were given to: MVP and second team all-LAC- Jeff McMillan; Best Golf Etiquette- Royce Havens; Most Improved and All-LAC academic- James Lewandowski and Most Consistent Golfer and Second team all- LAC- Colin Setocinski.



At the Rensselaer Invitational Junior LLogan Serocinski watches one of his best shots of the day land just short of the green. "My most memorable time was when we played at Cressmore Country Club and my opponent hit his ball in the water five times and ended up taking a 16 on a par 3. It was awesome!" said Serocinski.

**By: Michelle Moran**



Front row: Michael Terborg, Royce Havens, Colin Serocinski, James Lewandowski, William Whited, LLogan Serocinski, Jeffery McMillan. Back row: Kevin Klemp, Dan Beedle, Jason Polomchak, Joshua Garrison, Rick Newton, Joshua Hall, David Starzynski



Morgann VanKley

**Golf 100**



While at Pulmira Golf course in Crown Point sophomore Jeffery McMillan takes a steady swing while using his most reliable club, his three-wood. Despite his discovered battle with Ankylosing Spondylitis, Jeff was still determined to keep his number one spot on Varsity. "My medical problems have forced me to use a golf cart and made me play a little worse, but I will get as good as I used to be, I know it," said McMillan.

Junior Colin Serocinski awaits his turn to put in his third hole at Rensselaer's Invite where he filled the number two spot on Varsity. "Golf is the only game where you can love it with one shot but hate it the next", said Collin.



Following through on her shot, sophomore Emily Stein focuses on her form. "One of my goals for next season is having the entire team go to Regionals and maybe even making it to State," said Stein.

At Sandy Pines, before the new construction, Ashley Jonkman takes her second shot on hole 15 against Lowell. Jonkman commented, "The best part of girls golf is all of us having fun at doing what we love."



While taking a practice swing, junior Ashlee Bonesteel visualizes where her ball will go. "In some ways I am very excited about the new course. I am also pretty nervous because I was so used to the old course. It has changed a great deal", said Bonesteel about Sandy Pines Golf Course renovation.



Front row: Stephanie Poisel, Morgann VanKley, Erica Greenlee, Michelle Moran. Back row: Coach Doug Greenlee, Cristine Roorda, Emily Stein, Jorie Kingma, Ashley Jonkman, Samantha Moran, Ashlee Bonesteel, Cassandra Poisel, Katherine Hubbeling.



## Sports Shorts

### What's your Routine?

"My favorite practice was when Greenlee had us practice on the middle school football field. We would run back and forth trying to pick up as many balls as we could explained senior Cassandra Poisel. "He put a garbage can in the middle of the field and told us whoever got a ball in it would earn a free pop, I was so close!"

To reach their peak performance the ladies practiced every day starting in August and three days a week starting in April for the boys. They would work on their chipping, putting, and driving as well as getting in a few holes and some pointers from Coach Greenlee or Coach Black.



# Follow Through

## Tennis

*Wicked bouncas were a thing of the past as both tennis teams served up a victorious season on the new courts. "The tennis courts are one of the best set of courts I've played on all year. Our courts are so much nicer than most schools that have courts," said sophomore Erica Greenlee.*

*"Before the courts were changed, we had only four courts. Some teams wouldn't come here because the courts were so small that it would take too long to play a match. We are very happy with our facility and would like to thank the board for spending the time and money to upgrade us to six courts," said Coach Dan Roberts and Coach Scott Garrison.*

*Awards ceremony on May 27 honored boys tennis. Most Valuable player was Danny Lawallen, Rookie of the year went to Scot Wilder, Most Improved and Academic Award went to Mike Totbitt, Co-Captains were Matt Juts and Danny Lawallen.*

*Girls' awards were Most Valuable: Michelle Schurman, Most Improved: Keely Woods, Rookie of the year: Kelli Hamstra, JV Most Valuable: Rojelly Almira, Most Improved: Liz Tilley, Sportsmanship: Christy Rootda, Most Dedicated: Melissa Roldan, Most Versatile: Abbie Sandonato.*



Front row: Dyanna Hamstra, Ashley Liston, Michelle Schurman, Row 2: Lindsay Seegers, Devon Southard, Rojelly Almira, Christine Roorda, Melissa Roldan, Jordan Murphy, Jessica Schultz, Row 3: Erica Greenlee, Melanie Daniels, Ashley Jonkman, Abigail Sandonato, Lauren Laski, Jennifer Bullard, Kelli Hamstra, Back row: Lindsay Seegers, Keely Woods, Brittany Scott, Julie Hamstra, Brittney Smiejek, Samantha Tinglof, Morgan Myers, Coach Scott Garrison



Playing doubles, senior Dyanna Hamstra and senior Ashley Liston are positioned as they await the serve. The doubles team defeated Lowell's Boyer/ Bruce 6-1 and 6-3 in late season play against Lowell. They finished the season with a loss in the championship game of the Sectional.

**By: Carri Dickerson**



Ashley Jonkman

**Follow Through Tennis**



Squinting into the sun, Junior Lauren Laski awaits the serve in receiving position.

"My favorite place to play tennis would have to be Highland because that's where we play in our doubles tournament and there is a lot of good competition in Northern Indiana," said sophomore Danny Lewallen.



"The most important thing about tennis is that you can have fun with the game, and then still have a blast while you are playing," said sophomore Derek Kunzman.



"My favorite place to play tennis was at Knox, when we had our tournament. The courts were nice, and the competition was awesome," said senior Matthew Jurs.



Playing singles, senior Michelle Schurman stands positioned as she awaits her opponent's serve. Schurman went on to defeat Lowell's Hughes in a 0-6, 6-4, 6-3 in KV's 3-2 defeat of Lowell on May 17.



Front Row: Daniel Beedle, Jonathan Torbitt, David Fischer, Andrew Farr, Michael Torbitt, Matthew Misch, Row 2: Shawn Mikus, Matthew Reichert, Scot Wilder, Daniel Lewallen, Derek Kunzman,

Michael Terborg, Back Row: Matthew Hamstra, Jeremy Kunzman, Steven DeVries, Bertil Valenkamph, Jacob Watts, Matthew Jurs, Coach Dan Roberts



## Sports Shorts

Before a girls tennis match, the girls always eat goodie bags so they have a lot of energy.

The girls play a game called Snakes and Dragons. The goal of this game is to beat the person on the other side of the net by either hitting the ball anywhere on the other side of the net or down the line. This helps improve their ground strokes.



# Ready, Set, Run

## Girls Track

"I was really excited because we were ceded sixth at sectionals, but everyone ran really well and now we are going to Regionals!" said junior Clarisa Bonilla.

Standing out in the crowd was freshman Jillian Conley. Jillian made First Team All Conference in the 300 hurdles. She was also a member of the four by one relay of Kirah Fifield, Kattina VanderWoude, and Cassandra Poisel. This group went Second Team All Conference, which excited Coach Lewallen who was in his first year as head track coach.

The track team as a whole placed 10th in the region. Kirah Fifield and Clarisa Bonilla were named 2nd Team All Conference. New additions to the team were freshmen high jumpers, Page Walczak and Cortine Janavich along with new leadership by Head Coach Lane Lewallen and Assistant Kevin Stephens.

Awards were given to: Most Improved - Kattina VanderWoude, Rookie of the Year Jillian Conley.



Making a clean landing, senior Cassandra Poisel tries to propel herself forward to insure the best distance. Cassandra was a leader on the track team being a member for four years.



**By: Elizabeth Moran**

Soaring over the hurdles, sophomore Kirah Fifield keeps a watchful eye over her opponent from North Judson. "Kirah always gives opposing teams a run for their money," said boys track member, Mark Melton.



Alicia Penninga



Trying not to knock down the bar, freshman Page Walczak bends and twists her body to avoid a bad score for her team.

Running against the wind, junior Destiny Baccino stays ahead of her opponents in the inside lane as she prepares to pass on the baton to relay partner, Clarisa Bonilla.



Trying to gain speed as she prepares to pole vault, junior Brittanie Cheverette takes a quick breath as she approaches the landing.

Taking off after an excellent hand off, freshman Jillian Conley sprints to pass the opposing relay team who just completed a handoff as well. Conley accepted the hand off from Katrina VanderWoude.



Watching the meet worker measure her throw, junior Jessie Jungels waits to hear how far that she threw her discus to see if she has improved her personal best distance.



Front Row: Alison Schultz, Michelle Anderson, Aleesha Wall, Cassandra Poisel, Cassandra Pollard, Taylor Clifford. Row 2: Corrine Janavich, Alana Williams, Clarisa Bonilla, Bethany Ferguson, Megan Odle, Alicia Penninga, Jessica Nuss, Destiny Baccino, Stephanie Poisel, Brittanie Cheverette. Back Row: Coach Lane Lewallen, Kirah Fifield, Danielle Faulkenburg, Jessie Jungels, Page Walczak, Katherine Hubbeling, Carrie Barrera, Bethany Clark, Carrielle Baumgarte, Brooke Hicks, Jamie VanderMolen, Jillian Conley, Coach Kevin Stephens.



## Sports Shorts Awards

Most Points-Distance-Destiny Baccino  
Most Points-Sprints/Hurdles-Kirah Fifield  
Most Points-Jumps-Page Walczak  
Most Points-Middle Distance-Clarisa Bonilla  
Most Points-Throws-Jessi Jungels

Aleesha Wall



# Running to the Finish

## Boys Track

By: Elizabeth Motan

Everyone has their reasons why they play a certain sport. Some play because their parents played, some play just to have something to do after school, but, junior Garry Jones said "I run track to stay in shape for football, and it's nice to win some awards along the way."

"I like track because, unlike football you have cooperation time between races, but then again who needs that?" laughed Garry Jones.

The Gene Edmonds Relays in Rensselaer brought them up against some tough teams such as, Covenant Christian, North Newton, South Newton, North Judson and Tri-County. Through the competitive meet, relay team, Garry Jones, Dean Tillema, Nathan Schultz and Nelson Wilder, broke the School's Shuttle Hurdle record.

The team placed third at the Lafayette Harrison Invite against Munster, Lafayette, Howe Academy Schlaurman school and other very competitive teams.



Boys Track Front Row: John Laski, Sean Warren, Dean Tillema, Garry Jones, Edmund Kennedy, Joshua Coulter. Row 2: Joshua Fifield, Mark Melton, Cole Patrick, Joseph Barrera, Timothy Cusack, Ryan Smeltzer, Daniel Mendoza, Aaron Hebda, Jacob Croll. Back Row: Walt Prochno, Clint Seegers, Jeromy Jackson, Dustin Wilson, Daniel Lewallen, Nathan Schultz, Darren Wireman, Nelson Wilder, Daine Willis, William Recker.



Powerfully tossing the shot put at a home track meet, freshman William Recker exhales. The weight of the heavy sphere was 12 pounds. When thrown, it usually went about 20 feet for the young thrower.



Dustin Wilson



Warming up, sophomore Dean Tillema focuses on the finish line as he leaps over the hurdles during a late season meet.

Positioning the shot put ball in the perfect spot for a good throw, senior Jacob Croll visualizes approximately where the ball will land.



Hair flying in the wind, sophomore Mark Melton tries to catch up to his opponent.



Concentrating on having a good hand off when he reaches his next relay partner, junior Jeromy Jackson breathes deeply as he rounds the final turn of his relay.



Leaping over the hurdles with great accuracy, freshman Joshua Fifele watches the finish line.



Keeping his eyes on his shot put throw as it soars through the air, junior Daniel Mendoza tries to balance on just one foot.



## Sports Shorts Awards

Most Valuable Sprinter- Dustin Wilson  
 Most Valuable Distance Runner- Jeromy Jackson  
 Co-Rookie of the Year- Josh Fifele  
 Co-Rookie of the Year- Josh Tillema  
 Most Valuable Thrower- William Recker  
 Most Versatile Athlete- Nelson Wilder  
 Captains- Jacob Croll  
 Ryan Smeltzer  
 Daniel Lewallen



# Baseball

## Get in the Game!

Early in the season, the team was ranked as high as fourth in the state before hitting a little slump.

When asked how the season went, Coach Doug Greenlee said, "We played a very competitive schedule and our team has done very well. We tied for second with Munster and Griffith in the LAC Black division." The Varsity team started off the season with a record of 8-0, before they lost a game to Andean. Freshman Chance Czarniecki added, "Baseball was fun. I learned a lot from my coaches and other teammates." In the North Newton double header Kyle Jansma was slid into and severely bruised his femur. The game was delayed as the ambulance team removed him from the field.

Awards were: Mental Attitude- Kyle Jansma, Most RBI's- Jeremy Kunzman (40), Highest Batting Average- Zach Prairie (.505), Most Homeruns- Jeremy Kunzman (8), Lowest ERA- Gentry Brown (1.58), Most Pitching Wins- Sean Nannenga (7), Most Stolen Bases- Cory Bifoss (7), Highest On Base Percentage- Zach Prairie (.643) The "Vuko" Award- Mike Torbitt

Most Runs Scored- Matt Dobin (50).



Varsity Row 1: Matthew Dobin, Jeremy Rozhon, Michael Torbitt, Joshua Cambe, Jeremy Jackson. Row 2: Cory Bifoss, Justin Garrison, Kyle Jansma, Zachery Prairie, Joseph Peretin, Jordan Van Weinen, Patrick Prochno, Matthew Reichert. Back row: Trainer Michael Bayci, Todd Hepworth, Gentry Brown, Jeremy Kunzman, Matthew Lane, Shane Byers, Sean Nannenga, Asst. Coach Bryan Dixon, Head Coach Doug Greenlee.

"The team had a great season, and we got off to a great start. It's weird being an underclassman on varsity. Overall, we had a splendid year, and it was an awesome experience," said sophomore Matt Dobin.



Zach Prairie



Awaiting the throw, first baseman Zach Prairie receives the ball just a second too late. KV split the double header with North Newton that day.

Hitting an RBI, senior Justin Garrison prepares to swing. Garrison was a consistent hitter for the team



Stopping the score, Junior Troy Jackson scoops up the ball.



After winding up, Sean Nannenga sends a ball over the plate. Nannenga said, "Playing Varsity my sophomore year was tremendous."



Running after a ball hit foul, senior third baseman Jeremy Kunzman catches a pop fly. Junior Josh Cambe backed up Kunzman.



JV Row 1: Micah Raebel, Don Tilley, Kevin O'Neal, Nick Miranda, Cody Jansma, Dan Schmidt, Tom Cooley, Mark Nikolas. Back Row: Kevin Corbett, Alex Byers, Brian Winter, Ben Stein, Derek Kunzman, Wes Clifton, Corey Morse, and Coach Ryan Armstrong



Freshmen Row 1: Clay Prairie, Chance Czarnecki, Jordan Kolb, Johnny Torbitt, John Lapota, Jimmy Guerrero. Back Row: Coach Otis Cochran, Brandon DeYoung, Mitch Sytsma, Sam Newton, Ryan Boezeman, Jacob Watts, Joey Campbell, and Mike Fletcher.

*By: Daine Willis*



# Homerun Hitters

## Softball

Opening the season, Lady Kougars beat Hammond Morton in the 6th inning 9-7. This was the Kougars first home opener win in six years. Along with a new beginning, the corporation added a scoreboard and a concession stand to the girls' field. In addition, Mr. Gregory Oliver and his class made wooden softballs with the senior's numbers on them and hung them on the fence.

In response to the balls, Mr. Oliver said, "It began with football. I wanted to do something to recognize the young men their senior year. Then, I continued to do the same for basketball. I thought these characters would be a unique way of recognizing, to our fans, and opponents, the commitment our athletes have made."

Awards handed out were Best Batting Average- Delta Wood (.403), Most Bunt Hits- Nicole Disney (6), Most Extra Base Hits- Krystal Higgerson (11), Most Stolen Bases- Krystal Higgerson (8), Most Pitching Wins- Kathryn Huhn (15), Lowest E.R.A- Delta Wood (1.83), Golden Glove- Michelle Berg and Brittany Birchett, Most Improved- Amanda Mendoza and Kougar "K"outage- Meagan Clarich. KV female athlete of the year was Kathryn Huhn.



Front Row: Brittany Niemiec, Amanda Mendoza, Brittany Birchett, Stephanie Boling. Row 2: Michelle Berg, Kathryn Huhn, Olivia Ortiz, Amber Gooden, Delta Wood, Allison Plopper, Krystal Higgerson. Back Row: Varsity Assistant Coach Hart, Bookkeeper Hart, Jacqueline Scheidt, Angela Donis, Meagan Clarich, Nicole Henning, Nicole Disney, Volunteer Coach Mike Wood, and Varsity Head Coach Brian Flynn.



Starting pitcher, Kathryn Huhn pitches them to their first season opener win in six years. "Starting freshman year at first, it was a little intimidating because everyone on the Varsity team was older than me. However, after a few practices, I felt completely comfortable, and I loved it. I just improved every year since then. I love being a pitcher because I like the pressure of competition," said Huhn.



Meagan Clarich



Bent in the catching position, senior Brittany Birchett gets herself ready for the pitch. Birchett has been catching on the Varsity team since her freshman year.

Waiting for the opponents to arrive, freshman Krystal Higerson swings the bat. Higerson became the first freshman to hit a homerun in a Varsity game. "I felt proud, because that was the first time I ever hit it over the fence," said Higerson.



With the ball approaching the plate, senior Nicole Disney puts her feet into the ready position. "My greatest accomplishment in batting has been my use to slap hit and to get on base and score runs," said Disney.



Warming her arm up before she goes into the game, sophomore Angela Donis pitches a few to a catcher.



While batting, junior Allison Plopper makes a full swing to help her team out. "This season, we worked really hard and concentrated a lot on batting. It has really paid off," said Plopper.



Helping the pitcher to warm up her arm, freshman Nicole Henning puts on the catchers gear. Catchers had to put on shin pads, a chest pad and a helmet before they could enter the batter's box.



## Senior Goodbyes

**Amanda Mendoza** - "High school was a double, softball was a triple, but my teammates were homeruns."

**Meagan Clarich** - "I could not ask for a better group of girls to end my four year softball career."

**Kathryn Huhn** - "I felt that this year was the one where the team felt like a family. Thanks for making this a great season."

**Nicole Disney** - "Playing with this team has been a lot of fun."

**Michelle Berg** - "Setting a good example is an essential part of a team."

**Brittany Birchett** - "When saying goodbye there's never enough words to describe the emotions, but that is what happens when you stick us in a cage."



## Varsity

### Football

Munster 7-56 L  
Rens. 10-40 L  
Lk. Station 35 14 W  
Bishop Noll 17-28 L  
Gavit 33-14 W  
Clark 46-19 W  
Calumet 48-14 W  
Wheeler 32-2 W  
Whiting 21-36 L  
Highland 7-24 L

Record: 5 wins 5 losses.

## Freshman

### Football

Munster 8-0 W  
Whiting 20-0 W  
Rens. 22-6 W  
B. Noll 27-0 W  
Gavit 28-0 W  
Clark 45-0 W  
Calumet 48-0 W  
Wheeler 28-6 W

Record: 8 wins-  
Undeclared

## Girls Golf

Wheeler-Hobart-L.  
Lowell-Andean-L.  
KV Invitational- 14th of 19.  
Rens. Invite 14th of 18.  
Calumet 237-256 W  
Munster 228-183 L  
W. Central 258-251 L  
Rens. 226-196 L  
S.Newton-Boone Grove-  
225-202-213 L  
Wheeler-252-233 W  
LAC Champs. 3rd of 8.  
Winamac-243-225 L  
Andean-224-223 L  
Boone Grove 213-198 W  
KV @ Sectionals-7th of 14.  
Regionals-Emily Stein 110

Record: 6 wins and 13 losses.

## Boys Cross Country

N. White Inv. Team 1st  
McCutcheon Inv.  
LAC at Lowell Team 2nd  
Indpls. Pike Inv. Team 6th  
Rensselaer Inv. class races no  
team  
LAC at Griffith Team 3rd  
New Prairie Inv. Team 6th  
Highland Inv. Team 5th  
N. Newton Inv. Team 1st  
Andean Inv. Team 3rd  
LAC Conf. Meet at Lowell  
Team 5th  
Sectionals at Renss. Team 2nd  
Regionals at Harrison Team  
5th  
Semi-State at N. Prairie

## Girls Soccer

Hanover Central 10-0 W  
Boone Grove 1-1 T  
MC Marquette 8-0 W  
Andean 0-5 L  
Hobart 3-4 L  
Morton 3-0 W  
Munster 0-4 L  
Valpo 1-6 L  
Wheeler 5-0 W  
Highland 3-5 L  
Hmd. High 9-0 W  
Griffith 1-0 W  
Rensselaer 9-0 W  
Clark 5-0 W  
Renss. 8-0 W  
LaVillie 3-1 W

## Boys Varsity Soccer

Andean 0-2  
E. Chicago 1-3  
Griffith 1-3  
Highland 1-2  
Bishop Noll 3-2  
Hammond Morton 3-1  
Benton Cent. 2-1  
Wheeler 4-1  
Lowell 1-2  
Illiana 2-5  
Hammond Clark 7-1  
Rensselaer 0-2  
Marquette 3-6  
Mich City 2-3  
Hammond Gavit 6-4  
Hammond High 2-4  
Boone Grove 0-3  
Record: 5-11

## Boys JV Soccer

Andean 0-4  
E. Chicago 1-3  
Griffith 1-4  
Highland 0-2  
Bishop Noll 2-2  
Hammond High 0-1  
Benton Cent. 3-2  
Wheeler 0-1  
Lowell 0-3  
Illiana 1-2  
Covenant 0-3  
Twin Lakes 6-1  
Hammond Gavit 3-0  
N. Newton 4-0  
Argos 1-0  
Bishop Noll 4-3

## Girls Cross Country

North White Inv.  
McCutcheon Inv.  
LAC at Lowell  
Indianapolis Pike Inv.  
Rensselaer Inv.  
LAC at Griffith  
New Prairie Inv.  
Highland Inv.  
North Newton Inv.  
Andean Inv.  
LAC Meet- Lowell  
Sectionals- team 6th  
Aleesha Wall top 15  
Regionals A. Wall placed  
34th did not advance.  
\*Scores not available

## Boys Tennis

Rensselaer 5-0 W  
Lake Station 5-0 W  
Knox 3-2 W  
East Chicago 5-0 W  
Griffith 5-0 W  
Wheeler 3-2 W  
Munster 0-5 L  
Andean 3-2 W  
Lowell 0-5 L  
M.C. Marquette 3-2 W  
Highland 0-5 L  
Highland Doubles 6th of 8  
Benton Central 4-1 W  
North Judson 4-1 W  
Knox Tourney 3rd of 8.  
Calumet 2-3 L  
Lowell 0-5 L C.P. Sect.

## Volleyball

Highland 25-13 25-19 W  
LaPorte 21-25 19-25 L  
Rensselaer 25-20 25-12 W  
Plymouth 25-10 25-16 W  
Hebron 25-13 25-2 W  
Griffith 25-6 25-2 W  
New Prairie 22-25 25-13 W  
Wheeler 25-19 25-17 W  
Gavit 25-7 25-11 W  
Crown Point 17-20 25-20 W  
Andean 25-13 25-16 W  
Munster 25-18 25-20 W  
Chataud 14-25 22-25 L  
\*Not all shown. Record:  
29-4



Kirsten Fifield



Elizabeth Studer



Shane Byers



Cassandra Poisel

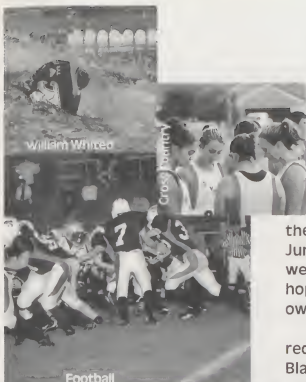
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# Pictures Highlight Fall Season of Play

By: Elizabeth Moran

As the Kougars' fall season came to an end, the enthusiasm and team spirit was overwhelming. Varsity Football ended their season with a record of five wins and five losses. During Homecoming week the students and staff hoped for a comeback, and they got just that. Junior Jason Zavala said, "Beating Hammond Gavit was great because we lost to them last year at our own Homecoming game, so I was hoping to show them that they weren't going to take us down on our own turf again." The victory was 33-14 over the visitor.

Girls Volleyball had an outstanding season. They broke the school record for wins with a record of 33 and 5. They were named LAC Black- Conference Champs, KV Classic Tourney Champs, Chesterton Tournament Champs, Twin Lakes Tournament Champs, and Sectional Champs. With all of these new titles there was a lot of excitement among the ladies, and the year was not over yet.



Football



Jacob Watts



Mary Kathryn Frederich



Michelle Schurman



Jamie Van der Meulen



Front Row: Johnny Torbitt, David Myers, Susie Schlemann, Brianna Patton, Heather Marianowski, Page Walczak, Elizabeth Tillemma, Brittany Scott, Adam Betancourt. Row 2: Julie Dykstra, Alisa Fraticelli, Julie Hamstra, Nicole Henning, Stephanie Boling, Alison Schultz, Morgann VanKlev, Christina Roorda, Jessica Schultz, Lindsay Risner. Row 3: Marissa Tillemma, Emily Stein, Rojelly Almira, Mary Katherine P. Frederich, Jacki Scheidt, Ashley Zavala, Melanie Daniels, Melissa Pilarczyk. Row 4: Keely Woods, Whitney

Rayonec, Mark Melton, Jacob Fernandez, Jeffery McMillan, Corey Bifoss, Steven DeVries, Cody Riley. Row 5: Laura Myers, Lauren Hale, Tonya Brockway, Stephanie Rainwater, Carlanne Jones, Matt Oliver, David Hudspeth. Back Row: Meredith Hammers, Heather McCaulley, Rebecca Schlemann, Amanda Lodger, Megan Bishop, Tara Deeter, Anastasia Christian, Brent Scamhorn.





# Winter/Spring Sports Scores

## Girls' Varsity Basketball

Bishop Noll 49-46 L  
C. Point 60-24 L  
M. Township 45-36 L  
Griffith 41-29 L  
B. Grove 65-46 L  
Highland 53-34 L  
Griffith 36-30 W OT  
Wheeler 48-45 L OT  
Andean 68-58 W  
Gavit 53-28 W  
N. Judson 50-38 L  
Hobart 68-53 L  
B. Central 51-49 W  
Lowell 52-51 W  
R. Forest 55-11 W  
Rensselaer 55-48 L  
N. Newton 44-31 W  
Calumet 46-33 W  
H. Central 53-44 W  
Munster 48-35 L

## Girls' Swimming

Twin Lakes 126-59 L  
Knox 132-53 W  
Griffith Invite 2nd  
B. Central 111-70 W  
L. Central 107-78 L  
Ren. Relays 3rd  
Wheeler/Gavit 2nd  
Hobart 115-53 W  
LAC Confer. 7th  
N. Newton 128-42 W  
Lowell Invite 2nd  
Lowell 115-70 L  
Griffith 94-91 L  
S. Newton 134-38 W

## Boys' Swimming

Calumet 140-28 W  
Harrison 119-66 L  
Hobart Winterfest 3rd  
Knox 102-84 W  
B. Central 106-72 W  
Ren. Relays 3rd  
Wheeler 91-89 L  
Merrillville 113-69 W  
Lowell Invite 3rd  
Rensselaer 106-77 L  
KV Invite 3rd  
North Newton 136-24 W  
Lowell 111-74 L  
LAC Meet 6th  
Griffith 105-80 L  
South Newton 107-44 W  
Twin Lakes 136-50 L  
Morton 104-74 W

## Wrestling

Ren. 55-24 L  
L. Central Willis 1st  
Merrillville Dual  
W. Laff. 44-24 L  
Chest. 47-28 L  
B. Grove 39-36 L  
S.B. Clay 64-15 L  
Warren Cent. 76-6 L  
B. Grove 40-24 L  
W. Central 46-25 W  
Lowell Dual  
Clark 51-30 W  
B. Groove 39-36 L  
Andean 36-34 W  
Lowell 49-30 L  
Laff. Dual  
Kokomo 58-2 L  
L. Jeff. 43-30 L  
Cascade 56-23 W

## Boys' Basketball

Rensselaer 69-57 L  
Kouts 63-56 L  
Bishop Noll 71-69 L  
Clark 62-59 W  
Highland 72-60 L  
Hebron 62-41 W  
Hammond 60-58 L  
L. Station 74-44 W  
Munster 81-75 L  
Calumet 69-62 W  
Griffith 67-58 L  
Highland 72-52 L  
Gavit 67-58 L  
Andean 68-41 L  
West Side 68-54 L  
Wirt 75-48 L  
N. Newton 80-68 W  
Boone 68-59 L  
Morgan 64-49 L  
Lowell 70-66 W  
Wallace 107-80 L

## Girls' Tennis

Calumet 3-2 W  
Whiting 4-1 W  
Goshen Round Robin  
3-2 W, 2-3 L, 1-4 L  
L. Station 5-0 W  
Hobart 3-2 W  
Highland 1-4 L  
Griffith 4-1 W  
Clark 4-1 W  
Morton 4-1 W  
Hammond 5-0 W  
KV Invite 2nd  
B. Grove 4-1 W  
Lowell 3-2 W

## Boys' Track

KV 114 1/2, Andean 76  
KV 46, H. Central 86  
KV 49, Munster 84  
KV 74, Twin Lakes 82  
Rensselaer Relays 1st  
KV 102, N. Judson 30  
Harrison Invite 3rd  
LAC Meet 8th  
KV 83, B. Grove 53 1/2

## Boys' Golf

Hobart 169-164 L  
Rensselaer 181-164 L  
Hammond/Clark 227-215-172 W  
Munster 181-157 W  
Hanover/Wheeler 197-176-158 L  
Highland 178-166 L  
Boone/Knox 210-195-177 L  
Bishop Noll 181-177 L  
Lowell 194-183 L  
Calumet 200-177 W  
Griffith 175-169 L  
Andean 185-174 L

## Varsity Baseball

Roosevelt 31-6 W, 22-1 W  
B. Grove 12-2 W  
Hebron 18-3 W  
Knox 22-5 W  
Crown Point 6-2 W  
Lowell 11-1 W  
Griffith 16-6 W  
Highland 10-3 W  
Hobart 9-8 W  
Munster 4-2 L  
Bishop Noll 5-3 W  
Andean 6-0 L  
Lowell 12-5 W  
Griffith 2-0 L

## Girls' Track

Bishop Noll 2nd  
Andean 122-64 W  
Hanover 82-40 W  
Munster 91-37 L  
T. Lakes Invite 1st  
G. Edmunds Relay 2nd  
N. Judson 101-26 W  
Harrison Invite 5th  
LAC Meet 2nd  
KV Invite 1st

## Softball

Morton 9-7 W Hebron 1-0 W Tri-County 14-0 W  
Hobart 7-2 L Clark 6-2 W MC Marquette 1-0 W  
Wheeler 13-2 W Andean 8-0 L Lowell 6-0 L

Portage 8-0 L  
Calumet 6-2 W  
Bishop Noll 11-1 L  
Penn 16-0 L  
Highland 4-2 L  
Hammond 5-0 W  
Griffith 1-0 L  
L. Station 11-0 W  
Munster 6-0 L  
N. Judson 8-5 W  
Highland 9-1 W  
Griffith 6-5 W  
Merrillville 6-5 W  
Michigan City 5-0 L  
N. Newton 10-0 W  
Chatterton 10-2 L  
Rensselaer 8-1 W  
Roosevelt 35-0 W



Logan Secocinski



Cassandra Pollard



James Meyer



James Lewandowski



Patrick Cusack

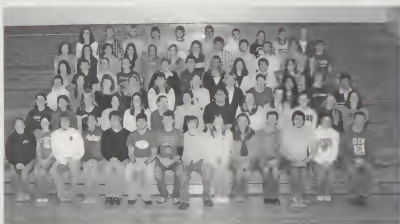


Patrick Prochno

# Ending the year on a positive note....

One team who dominated the courts was girls' basketball. They won their Sectionals and headed off to Regionals, but didn't make it out. Their record was 12 to 12 and 3 to 4 in conference. Boys' basketball ended 6 to 15 and 1 to 6 in conference. Girls' swimming record was 6 to 6 and 8 in conference. Boys' swimming record was 7 to 6 and 6 in conference. Wrestling ended with the record 9 to 21 and 6 in conference.

As the awards were handed out for the winter athletes, it was time for the spring athletics. Baseball started out the season undefeated but couldn't keep it up and ended with the record 21 to 8 and 11 to 7 in conference. Girls' track ended with 4 to 1 without any invites included. Boys' track ended 7 to 3 and 8 in conference. Girls' tennis ended with the 12 to 4 and 9 to 2 in conference. Boys' golf ended their season 5 to 10 and 0 to 7 in conference.



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## JV Softball

Front Row: Breann Rentschler, Tiffany Livengood, Lindsey Skratsky. Row 2: Angela Donis, Amber Gooden, Jacquelynn Scheidt, Jodi Anderson, Olivia Ortiz, Stephanie Boling, Krystal Higgerson. Back Row: JV Coach Mike Peo, Tonya Brockway, Kelsey Allen, Hannah Sparks, Nicole Kerner, Lauren Leegwater, Danielle Czlonka, Nicole Henning, JV Coach Patricia Peo.

Front Row: Mallory Wierzbza, Jessica Nuss, Trent Dorn, Ashley Symanski, Zachary Prairie, Joseph Peretin, Jermy Kunzman, Andrew Talarek, Amanda Raymond, Amber Cunningham, Robert Whited, Adam Kerkes, Ashlee Matson, Seth Kuiper, Dyanna Hamstra, Michelle Schurman, Devin Freckleton, Michelle Anderson, Jillian DeVries, Margaret Wood, Nicole Disney, Lindsey Beeching Third Row: Lauren Laski, Clarissa Bonilla, Ashton DeVries, Sara Boer, Cassandra Pollard, Michelle Berg, Ashley Tillema, Kathryn Kemp, Tara Pellegrini, Scott Feldhouse, David Plant. Fourth Row:

Christine Miles, Jordan Van Wienen, Cassandra Coffey, Kathryn Huhn, Stacey Polomchak, Megan Davidson, Meagan Clariach, Brittany Lukeic, David Fischer, Chrissie Sullivan, Elizabeth Sutton Fifth Row: Carlin Oezer, Anne Dykstra, Alana Williams, Sheri Shamlou, Jennifer Kurowsky, Emma Cunningham, Cassandra Polsel, Ryan VanderLugt, Matthew Jurs, Michael Torbitt, Matthew Reichert, Bertil Carl Valenkamp Back Row: Kara Prentoski, Brian Winter, Jeremy Tillema, Garry Jones, Cole Patrick, Daniel Shadwell, Christopher Walstra, Destiny Baccino, Carmen Van Kley, Rachel Kikkert.



Kyle Jansma and Todd Hepworth



Daniel Beedle



Michelle Berg



Matthew Reichert



Nicholas Miranda



Megan Passaloukos



Ashley Liston



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# Clubs

Creating memories, adventuring on a ski trip, or dancing the night away were just the beginning of the list of things that joining a club offered. At the beginning of the school year, students signed up for clubs during their lunch or study period outside in the courtyard. "I hope to make a difference in some way in my community and school. I hope I may be able to reach out to other Christians in various ways. That's why I joined FCA and Pathfinders," said Junior Mark Nikolas.

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Adventurous teachers such as Mrs. Pat Price stepped up to the plate to undergo the job of being a club sponsor. "Sunshine is about giving of yourself. To me that is a valuable lesson all of us need to learn, and a character trait we should share," said Mrs. Price who has sponsored Sunshine for eight years.

From the Art Club to the Varsity Club, students had fun spending time with a group of students interested in the same things. That's what Kougars liked about clubs.



# KOLOR AND WINTER GUARD

Dancing all the way through Fall and Winter

For every club, sport, or activity that you participate in for a whole year, you are bound to become like one big family. That is exactly how this squad was and for each one it impacted their lives just by being together. "Guard has influenced me a lot. I started it my freshman year, and I came back because of my friends. Whenever we are together, it is complete chaos. We are always laughing about something or singing loud annoying songs to the coaches. The best thing about guard is if someone is having a bad day, we all try to make them happy," said junior Carly Rice.

In the beginning of the season, coaches Shelly Greenlee and Michelle Abrell hired a choreographer, Joe from Lowell for the girls. He whipped them into shape by having them run miles, do many difficult and new tricks

with their flags, and by doing ballet dance moves. "When we were with our choreographer he put our bodies to work, but other than that, he choreographed our routines and made sure that we were always on time," said senior Tara Pellegrini. The new choreographer showed off his worth by teaching them moves that won them a higher ranking than normal at the State Fair and also getting auxiliary, music, and formation awards.

From making up new routines to performing in front of the whole school, the girls in guard found ways to have fun and be united while working hard on and off the field and court. "At the beginning it is so much work and pressure where as at the end it calms down. Remembering how much work we have put in was rather satisfying," said junior Stephani Mann.



Kolor Guard. Row 1: Tara Pellegrini, Stephanie Mann. Row 2: Shannon Abrell, Erica Greenlee, Tiffany Livengood, Adriana Garza. Row 3: Carly Rice, Katherine Misiak, Brandy DeVries, Michelle Moran, Brittany Mann.



Posing for a picture, coaches Shelly Greenlee and Michelle Abrell get excited for their girls performance during half time.

Practicing their routine before they have to perform at State Fair in Indianapolis, sophomore Michelle Moran, junior Stephani Mann, sophomore Erica Greenlee, and junior Shannon Abrell count steps in unison to make sure they are all on beat while spinning their flags.



Adriana Garza



Winter Guard. Row 1: Tara Pellegrini, Stephanie Mann. Row 2: Alexa Murray, Brandy DeVries, Tiffany Livengood, Adriana Garza. Row 3: Shannon Abrell, Katherine Misiak, Michelle Moran. Row 4: Carly Rice, Brittany Mann

Striking a pose in the stands, sophomore Tiffany Livengood, junior Shannon Abrell, freshmen Adriana Garza, and Alexa Murray, sophomore Brittany Mann, and juniors Katherine Misiak, Brandy DeVries winter guard smile proudly for doing a good performance during half time at the basketball game.



- A. Before the Touch or Glitch parade, the Kodak Guard girls get together to pump each other up and get excited about performing for the first time in the new season.
- B. Performing with the marching band, junior Shannon Abrell checks to make sure the rest of the squad is ready.
- C. Traveling on the bus to the Indianapolis State Fair, juniors Carly Rice and Brandy DeVries pass time by goofing around. The girls ended up competing in eight different schools and some parades.
- D. After performing with mini guard for hours, Brittany Mann, Adriana Garza, and senior Tara Pellegrini dance on the top of the balcony while the band plays.
- E. During a half time performance, the Winter Guard squad makes a ripple with their flags. "Performing at the basketball games was scary but ended up being fun," said sophomore Tiffany Livengood.

Katherine Misiak

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# PEP, CONCERT, AND JAZZ BAND

## The beautiful sound of music!

Hard work finally pulled through for some students in Concert Band. Participating at the ISSMA were the saxophone choir, composed of junior Cassy Dickerson, sophomore Travis McDaniel, Stephanie Rainwater, and freshmen David Myers, Bryan Hamm, and Michael Hunter who earned a silver. Flute choir consisted of senior Tonya Brust, juniors Sally Wallenstein, Katherine Misiak, sophomore Anne Janavich, freshmen Tara Jones, Jessica Witvoet, and Alecia Penninga, also won a silver. For solo performances junior Sally Wallenstein earned a gold and a silver for flute, also senior David Plant took the gold for a perfect score by playing a trumpet solo.

To be a member of band took a lot of the students own personal time and dedication. "I have to juggle my schedule for band by giving up some activities or just

combine them. I had to do this during the basketball games when we would have to perform for Kolor Guard.

Besides my activities outside of school I have to practice," said junior Katherine Misiak who played the flute and clarinet.

Band has 60 people of all grades, but more than half were talented freshmen. "Our band is unique because we have one band that does everything for concert, pep, and marching bands. So if someone were in band they are in all three," said senior David Plant.

Over the summer the bands traveled to Indianapolis to the State Fair. At the fair they marched while performing the "Pirates of the Caribbean." "I prefer to perform at concerts more than marching, but marching is also fun because we get to travel more, and that's a lot of fun," said senior Tonya Brust. They also went to St. Louis in April.



Concert Band; Row 1: Alyssa Tomich, Kayla Hale, Keith Axtell, Lindsey Tobias, Sally Wallenstein, Tonya Brust, Alleah Randolph, Anne Janavich, Tara Jones, Devon Southard. Row 2: Jessica Whirley, Shawna Watkins, Rachel Uildriks, Morgan Myers, Vicki Murray, Katherine Misiak, Jessica Gaskins, Jessica Witvoet, Alecia Penninga, Michelle Moran, Sarah Luttringer. Row 3: Maggie Forden, Katelyn Pajkos, Cortnie McLellan, Candy Miller Wood, Samantha Maretich, Sara Little. Row 4: Alexander Warren, Ryan Pruitt, Andrew Herschman, Augustus McCloskey, John Lapota, David Myers, Timothy Whitaker, Micheal Hunter. Row 5: Patrick Fraley, David Plant, Travis McDaniel, Cassy Dickerson, Bryan Hamm. Row 6: Ryan Wynkoop, Victoria Onderwater, Micah Raebel, Matthew Patton, Steven Roelfs, Sean Warren. Row 7: Stephanie Rainwater, Brianna Patton, Felicia Fahey, Justin Singel, Hannah Sparks, Andrew Tillerma, Kevin Kampenga. Row 8: Emily Penninga, Justin Klassen, Robert Erwin, Blaine Gross, Tracy Whitesell, Jazmyin Allen, Anastasia Christian, David Macintosh, Bethany Ferguson, Director Ken Steidle.



Ryan Wynkoop



Focused on her music, freshman Jessica Witvoet plays the school song at a basketball game.

Pep Band; Row 1: Ken Steidle, Anne Janavich, Jessica Witvoet, Tonya Brust, Tara Jones, Aleah Randolph, Alecia Penninga, Devon Southard, Sarah Luttinger. Row 2: Keith Axtell, Katelyn Pajkos, Maggie Forden, Kayla Hail, Brianna Patton, Morgan Myers, Alyssa Tomich, Lindsey Tobias, Sally Wallenstein, Jessica Whirley, Katherine Misiak, Stephanie Rainwater, Vicki Murray. Row 3: David Plant, Patrick Fraley, Augustus McCloskey, John Lapota, Samantha Maretich. Row 4: Ryan Wynkoop, Micah Raebel, Matthew Patton, Victoria Onderwater, Cortnie McLellan, Rachel Uildriks, Sara Little. Row 5: David Myers, Bryan Hamm, Sean Warren, Steven Roelfs, Justin Singel, Hannah Sparks. Row 6: Timothy Whitaker, Travis McDaniel, Micheal Hunter, Kevin Kampenga, Andrew Tillema, Alexander Warren, Ryan Pruitt, Andrew Hershman, Cassy Dickerson. Back Row: David Macintosh, Justin Klassen, Bethany Ferguson, Anastasia Christian, Tracy Whitesell, Felicia Fahey, Robert Erwin, Emily Penninga, Blaine Gross.



Jazz Band Row 1: Travis McDaniel, David Myers, Michael Hunter, Timothy Whitaker, Bryan Hamm, Cassy Dickerson, Stephanie Rainwater. Row 2: Patrick Fraley, David Plant, Augustus McCloskey, John Lapota, Alexander Warren, Andrew Hershman, Ryan Pruitt. Row 3: Katherine Misiak, Steven Roelfs, Sean Warren, Justin Singel, Hannah Sparks, Andrew Tillema. Row 4: Sally Wallenstein, Felicia Fahey, Blaine Gross, Robert Erwin, Director Ken Steidle.

Making sure they are ready, freshmen Vicki Murray, Samantha Maretich, Rachel Uildriks, and Sara Little, practice for a competition in front of their peers.



# MARCHING BAND & ORCHESTRA

Marching to the beat of their own drum!

Clouds of white rosin floated through the air as the Orchestra played the first note of the year as they tuned up to the sound of Mr Steidle playing an A on the piano, "I really like orchestra because it helps me unwind in the most stressful part of my day. When we play, it helps me to let out my frustrations, and then I can relax," said junior Elizabeth Moran.

Hitting the road for the first time in three years, the band and orchestra packed up their instruments and headed down to Nashville, Tennessee in April for a weekend of learning and lots of fun. On the way down, the groups stopped at Vanderbilt University to get some pointers from the Dean of Music.

After touring Music City, the band and orchestra were fortunate enough to record a few selections in the

historic Studio B. "I was especially excited to be there because Elvis actually recorded many of his number one hits there," said junior Caitlin Sittema.

At the Wild Horse Saloon the up and coming group, Low Cash Cowboys taught the energetic groups a line dance called "Beginners Luck". They also signed autographs, which especially excited junior Christine Miles, "Line dancing was awesome. It was so cool to see everyone out there on the dance floor at the same time. We had a blast." They also were entertained by a Minnie Pearl look alike.

The director of the band Mr. Ken Steidle said of the year, "One of the highlights of the year was when we got to watch the I.U. Marching Hundred. The kids got so excited that we kept up our spirit for the rest of the season!"



Marching Band: Row 1: Alyssa Potts, Lauren Hale, Keith Axtell, Lindsey Tobias, Sally Wallenstein, Tonya Brust, Aleah Randolph, Anne Janavich, Tara Jones, Devon Southard. Row 2: Jessica Whirley, Shawna Watkins, Rachel Uilriks, Morgan Myers, Katherine Misiak, Alecia Penninga, Michelle Moran, Sarah Luttringer. Row 3: Maggie Forden, Katelyn Pajkos, Cortnie McEllen, Candy Miller, Samantha Maretich, Sara Little. Row 4: Alex Warren, Ryan Pruitt, Andrew Hershman, Augustus McCloskey, John Lapota, David Myers, Timothy Whitaker, Michael Hunter. Row 5: Patrick Fraley, David Plant, Travis McDaniel, Cassie Dickerson, Brian Hamm. Row 6: Ryan Wynkoop, Victoria Onderwater, Micah Rabel, Matthew Patton, Steven Roelfs, Sean Wireman. Row 7: Stephanie Rainwater, Brianna Patton, Felicia Fahey, Justin Singel, Hannah Sparks, Kevin Kampenga. Row 8: Emily Penninga, Justin Klassen, Robert Erwin, Blaine Gross, Tracy Whitesell, Jazmyn Allen, Anastasia Christian, David McIntosh, Bethany Ferguson, Mr. Ken Steidle.



At attention, drum majors juniors Steven Roelfs and Sally Wallenstein prepare to give the go signal as senior Kevin Kampenga awaits their command.



Candy Wood-Miller

**Marching Band and Orchestra 130**



Playing the first notes to their half time performance, Anastasia Christian looks on at the crowd. When asked what her favorite moment was while she was in Marching Band she said, "Performing was fun but nerve wracking! I would do it all again though!"

Orchestra: Row 1: Andrew Mullins, Melissa Easto, Scott Conley, Jonathan Delger, Bradley Herr, Director Ken Steidle. Row 2: Taylor Scott, Jessica Wray, Jessica Nuss. Row 3: Clarisa Bonilla, Sara Boer, Caitlin Sitterma, Elizabeth Moran, Christine Miles, Rachel Wilkinson, Jacob Fernandez. Row 4: Natalie Brasel, Christina Wyrick, Lindsey Seegers, Adam Betancourt, Julia Holm-Hansen, Kaylah Sutton.



A. Preparing for a concert marching band member Hannah Sparks looks over her music to make sure there are no corrections that need to be made before the final performance

B. Marching down the halls before the Homecoming pep session junior Emily Penninga and senior Blaine Gross let their fellow students know that it is time for them to go down to the gym to start the fun!

C. Not only did the marching band support the football team during the half time show, but they also cheered them on in the stands in between songs. Freshman Katelyn Pablos, and sophomore Anastasia Christian cheer on their team

D. Sitting in attention awaiting the orders from one of the directors of the band, senior Ryan Wyrick focuses on the football game



# CHOIR

Come join us while we sing!!!!

Do you love to sing? Well, we do. We're the KVHS choir. Many of the choir members have been involved in choir for several years, such as junior Lori Kappes who said, "I have been in choir for four years, and it's been fun. So, I decided to just stay with it."

For some students singing came easy with the right tone and rhythm, but some not so easy. Choir teacher Mr. William Darnell exclaimed, "I teach choir because I like working with the young voices. I like to shape them into a fine choral sound."

The choir hosted an event called Ac Rock, which was an a cappella rock n' roll group, they played during 4th hour on March 9. Many students enjoyed performing or going to concerts including junior Carlin Oezer who said, "I have been in choir since third grade

and I love going to contests and concerts. It is such a great experience. It seems like it gets better and better every year! And it is even better when you work so hard, and you get a first."

Since the choir members sang a variety of great songs, they were asked what song they liked the best and why? There were many responses such as junior Amanda Mikuly, "I would say that my favorite song was 'All that Jazz' because we did dance moves to it, and it was a catchy song to sing all day." Other songs that students enjoyed singing were: 'When you Believe,' and also 'You Raise Me Up.'

Some students enjoyed being in choir because it took time away from book work and took their minds off studying at least for an hour of the school day. In choir students came together creating one big voice.



Joshua ... Chli ... rkins, Jacob ... trada



Adv. Treble Choir: Row 1: Krin Huff, Robin Campbell, Tara Pellegrini, Sarah Eich, Jerica Whitlock, Ashley Vankley Row 2: Jessica Witvoet, Mallory Wierzb, Amy Knip, Cecelia Heckman, Kris Aurelia, Cassie Gray Row 3: Stephanie Talarek, Stephanie Landis, Ashley Zavala, Kathryn Kemp, Ashley Padilla, Robyn Roberts, Amber Cunningham Row 4: Ashley Thomas, Tiffany Livengood, Sarah Salamah, Nicole Tomaszewski, Nicole Gobin, Lori Kappes, Heather Drake, Julie Dowhen, Vanessa Acevedo Row 5: April Killon, Jillian Golly, Carlin Oezer, Jennie Matusiak, Jamie Anderson, Brandi Kittle, Jamie Sipkema Row 6: Mr. William Darnell



For the annual Christmas Breakfast, students were asked to bring a canned item or \$1 in order to receive a doughnut. Choir members including, junior Brandon Philips, sophomore Nicole Tomaszewski, junior Cecelia Heckman, and freshman Katie Mestrovich sang for the students who were eating in the cafeteria.



Erica Onderwater  
Choir 122

As the Christmas breakfast went into full swing, choir members, freshman Danielle Jarrell, senior Tara Pellegrini, junior Carrielle Baumgarte, and sophomore Jessica Fritz entertain the crowd with Christmas melodies.

Throughout the two hour breakfast, choir members sang old favorites , as well as some new Christmas tunes. They also caroled at local nursing homes throughout the week in celebration of the holiday season.



Trying to get their lines and moves right, seniors Elizabeth Sutton and

Andrew Naughton work hard to get it all together before opening night.



Men's Choir: Row 1: Clay Prairie, Johnathon Torblitt, Nathan Leath, Dan Donahoe, Dan Jests Row 2: Mitch Sytsma, Clay Sytsma, Kevin Corbett, Johnathon Stokes, Jake Estrada Row 3: Mr. William Darnell



Beg. Treble Choir: Row 1: Desiree Hornback, Lindsay Sittima, Corinne Janavich, Ashley Antkowiak, Katie Mestrovich, Samantha Hillers, Alexa Murray Row 2: Melanie Merryman, Laura Myers, Jamie Rios, Ayla Calbreth, Marissa Tillerma, Adnana Garza Row 3: Alexea Boring, Amanda Mikuly, Ashley Johnson, Jamie Moore, Alisa Fraticelli, Danielle Jarrell Row 4: Ashlery Keefer, Kayla Hale, Nichole McClellan, Geena Garcia, Amber Jests, Nicole Brown Row 5: Page Walczak, Nicole Kerner, Danielle Fase, Jessica Bryson, Amanda Cooper, Sarah Tiron Row 6: Mr. William Darnell



Concert Choir: Row 1: Lauren Laski, Ashton DeVries, Chris Jenkins, Karly Gunter, Tara Pellegrini, Joshua Baiel, Brandon Phillips, Mr. William Darnell Row 2: Nichole Wright, Elizabeth Sutton, April Williams, Cassandra Poisel, Douglas Shupe, Jessica Fritz, Devin Freckelton Row 3: Emily Smith, Michelle Schurman, Brittany Birchett, Amanda Schutz, Brandon Mayernik, Adam Kerkes, Andrew Naughton Row 4: Michelle Anderson, Ashley VanKley, Nicole Gobin, Erica Onderwater, Carrielle Baumgarte, Joshua Myers, Robyn Roberts



# CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Creates A World Full Of Enjoyable Candy for fall audience

A world full of candy, and an auditorium full of laughter was what was seen at **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** on October 15 and 16.

For their dedication, the cast and crew insured that opening to closing nights would go off with a bang. They spent many hours after school rehearsing, and getting the set ready. "When lines were first due, I discovered that procrastinating was REALLY a bad idea. It will only lead to Steiner going into her loser eyed, head rotating 360 kill mode," said junior Steven Roelfs.

For some of the characters it was their very first performance including the main character, Charlie Bucket who was played by freshman Nathan Leath. "Playing the lead character was a challenge because this was my first play. I most enjoyed hanging out with the upperclassmates because they made me feel more

comfortable with my character," said Leath.

"The scenery was frustrating to learn to work with and the characters took a lot of work too. The play was set in a fantasy place, and we had a hard time drawing on any past experiences to help us to react to our surroundings, but eventually, we felt like we were actually there and could see every thing. In the end we had a great show," said junior Allison Klicek.

One of the funniest scenes was when Veruca Salt, played by sophomore Becky Fox, was attacked by wild squirrels instead of easy going golden geese.

Closing night, Adam Bowman ran off stage in the middle of various scenes as a result of food poisoning. In spite of the illness, he still managed to pull off his character's role in **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**.



Frozen in time, Senior William Whited, Sophomores Andrew Surber, Felicia Fahey, and Sara Little who played the grandparents, wait for a brief introduction by Senior Adam Kerkes, who played a News Anchor.

Frantically trying to get someone to explain what was happening to her daughter, Junior Jessica Nuss, who played Mrs. Beauregarde, tried to figure out what was going on in the chaos of the scene.

Plagued by arguments between the adults, Charlie watches, as the son of Mr. and Mrs. Teavee, played by Senior Andrew Naughton and Junior Erica Onderwater, turn into the size of an ant and is held by Mr. Teavee's hands.



Keith Hoffman

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 134**



Starting up the show was one of the many parts played by the News Anchor Senior Adam Kerkes "What I enjoyed most about this play was the fun times that I shared with everybody," said Kerkes.

Row 1: Keith Kliecek, TJ Sheilds. Row 2: David Plant, Tewsdaay Babicka, Erin Hoffman, Rebecca Nichols, Danielle Sell, Kaitlyn Staton, Jessica McCoy, Jimmy Guerrero, Matthew Proffrock. Row 3: Mrs. Chicki, Kathryn Hester, Joanna Perzee, Meagan Anderson, Carrielle Baumgarte, Felicia Fahey, Andrew Surber, David Myers, Amanda Schutz, Sara Little, Shawn Freckelton. Row 4: Brandon Phillips. Row 5: Michael Szostek, Royce Havens, Jessica Nuss, Shannon Abrell, Steven Roelfs, Erica Onderwater, Nathan Leath, William Whited, Emily Smith, Allison Kliecek, Keith Hoffman, Adam Kerkes, Christopher Jenkins, Elizabeth Weaver, Matthew Patton, Melissa Easto, Mrs. Steiner. Row 5: Anderw Naughton, Adam Bowman, Devin Freckelton.



- A. Greetings received from Willie Wonka himself, played by sophomore Adam Bowman were given to Augustus and Mrs. Gloop, seniors Emily Smith and Devin Freckelton.
- B. Working on placing the set, freshman Shawn Freckelton, sophomores Matthew Proffrock and Christopher Jenkins communicate with Mrs. Steiner on the head sets.
- C. Enthusiastically talking to Willie Wonka, sophomore Adam Bowman and junior Steven Roelfs, tell of his dream of being on the television.
- D. Lending a helping hand to Mrs. Jil Steiner are sophomore Adam Bowman and seniors Emily Smith and Naughton. Seniors commented "Organizing all the props was the most frustrating thing to do."
- E. Getting the actors ready before heading on stage, junior Allison Kliecek helps freshman Sara Little prepare for the night.



# GREASE

We're gonna rule the school

Being performed for the third time since 1985, Grease was still a major success for the Kougars Theatre Company. On March 11, seven cast members from the 1985 production came to see Grease directed by Mrs. Jill Steiner, and Mrs. Hallie Chicki.

*Beauty School Drop-out* was sung by sophomore Joshua Baiel to encourage a student to get back to high school so that she could receive her diploma. Baiel said, "I think my best time was being on stage feeling the vibes from the audience. The positive energy was like nothing I've ever felt before."

The most memorable moment during the performance for senior Cassandra Poisel was during the show for the teachers. Poisel said, "We performed for the teachers, and the car door fell off and everyone started laughing backstage and in the audience."



It was so funny!"

Acting in her first play, junior Meagan Anderson said, "This was my first play in high school, and it was the best show ever! The cast got along great and there was so much energy. I loved it!"

From the hand jive performances to the pit band and tech crews, teens created numerous memories. Sophomore Katherine Misiak wanted her classmates to remember that she was in Grease. Misiak said, "I want them to remember that we worked together and put on the best show we could."

About 2,000 people came to see the performance and showed their support. Senior William Whited said, "Somewhere between being yelled at for sitting on Marty's bed, and hanging from the curtain polls, was the best Grease practice."



Row 1: Melissa Easto, Meagan Anderson, Robert Mayernik, Jessica Nuss, Brandon Phillips, Katherine Misiak, Cassandra Poisel, Ana Perez, Lauren Laski, Steven Roelfs, David Myers, Tara Pellegrini, Allison Klicek. Row 2: Viviana Mijares, Carrie Rice, Carrielle Baumgarte, Lindsay Shea, Elizabeth Sutton, Emily Smith, Ashton DeVries. Row 3: Adam Betancourt, Christopher Jenkins, Joshua Baiel, David Plant, Devin Freckelton, Thomas Sandonato, Andrew Naughton, Adam Kerkes, Andrew Surber, Kelly Drake. Row 4: Bryan Hamm, Sean Warren, Joanna Perzee, Kathryn Hester, William Whited, Matthew Patton, Andrew McKee, Elizabeth Tillema, Jan Dannheisig. Row 5: Robert Erwin, Casey Dickerson, Alexis Livengood, Stephani Mann, Adam Bowman, James Guerrero. Row 6: Nathan Leath, Travis McDaniels, Amanda Schutz, Carly Rice, Melissa Pilarczyk, Elizabeth Weaver, Nicole Brown, Anne Janavich, Matthew Proffrock, Keith Hoffman, Royce Havens, Andrew Tillema, Hannah Birky, Sara Little



Melissa Easto

Grease 138



Singing as Johnny Casino, sophomore Christopher Jenkins, leads the actors in the *Hand Jive* contest. The most memorable moment during the performance was during opening night. Jenkins said, "My heart was racing, and I could feel the energy of the crowd and the excitement, but what I will remember most are the smiles I got from the audience."

Giving a tribute to Rydell, seniors Devin Freckelton, Adam Kerkes, Thomas Sandonato, Andrew Naughton, and David Plant sing a parody of the school song. The duty of the T-Birds was to make fun of the school at their high school reunion.



- A Sitting down in the cafeteria, Kuzo, sophomore Lindsay Shea, Marly, senior Elizabeth Sullivan, and Ian, junior Camille Baumgartner discuss the new school year that is beginning.
- B Rizzo, played by sophomore Lindsay Shea came out on stage with Kerisive played by senior Thomas Sandonato to take a bow at the closing of the play.
- C While being in formal wear for the Prom and showing their excitement, senior Tia Pellegrini and junior Steven Roeths dance to the *Hand Jive* in *Grease*.
- D Starting the show, junior Ashton DeVries and sophomores Elizabeth Tilleria and Andrew Surber sing a commemorative song. After the brief song, they talked about Rydell.
- E During the cafeteria scene, junior Megan Anderson, Lauren Laik, and Jessica Nuss chit-chat about how well the performances have been going.

Katherine Misiak, Cassandra Poisel, and Jan Dannheuser



# SUNSHINE

## Lights, Camera, Action!

Sparkling lights combined a beautiful night with friends and fun on November 6 for the annual Sunshine Dance. As 220 students arrived down the long red carpet, lifesize cutouts of Hollywood stars greeted them. Upon entering the cafeteria, stars holding the names of Sunshine members and their dates glittered brightly. It took members about three hours and \$3,200 to transform the cafeteria into the perfect "Hollywood Night" the theme of the annual dance.

"Sunshine was fun, everyone looked so pretty. My friends and I all went out to eat, and then we went back to the dance. It was really fun, and I had a good time," said sophomore Lindsey Shea who attended her second dance.

As dancers walked into the school

there was a red carpet that led from the front doors all the way to the cafeteria. "The red carpet made the dance feel

like it was for famous actors. It was pretty cool" said senior Ed Layne.

Sunshine was sponsored by Mrs. Lynn Ginzer and Mrs. Patricia Price. "Sponsoring Sunshine has been fun and in some ways I'll miss it next year. The kids seem to enjoy the dance. The girls have been a joy to work with over all of the years" said Mrs. Price.

Sunshine dance was the most popular activity the Sunshine Club held. "The best thing about Sunshine is that it's a good way for teens to interact out of school by having a good time without the stress of school, but the dance is the best!" said sophomore Jessica Fritz.



Michelle Anderson 12



Row 1: Emma Cunningham, Allison Plopper, Brittany Patton, Melanie Klunder, Amanda Thompson, Jessi Jungles, Stacey Polomchak. Row 2: Sarah Salamah, Destiny Baccino, Rachel Kikkert, Emily Penninga, Carrielle Baumgarte, Erica Onderwater. Row 3: Sara Boer, Ashton DeVries, Stephanie Poisel, Cassandra Coffey, Alana Williams. Row 4: Elizabeth Moran, Caitlin Sittima, Stephani Mann, Shannon Abrell, Meagan Anderson, Mallory Wierzbza, Christine Milles. Row 5: Kara Prentoski, Jessie Nuss, Cassie Lewandowski, Cheri Ammerman, Anne Dykstra, Lori Kappes, and Jessica Thys.



Taking a break from the action, juniors Joshua Zak, Ashlee Bonesteel, and Steve Martin grab a glass of punch and take a seat. Snacks were brought in by the Sunshine members.



Erica Onderwater and Ashlee VanKley



As seniors Kirsten Fifield, Michelle Schurman, and Dyanna Hamstra dance to the music, Schurman snaps a picture for memories.

Row 1: Michelle Anderson, Carrie Rice, Ashley Liston, Michelle Schurman, Elizabeth Sutton, Brittany Luketic. Row 2: Ashley Tillema, Candis Abell, Dyanna Hamstra, Aleesha Wall, Katie Hester, Cassandra Poisel, Sheri Shamlou. Row 3: Michelle Berg, Megan Kikkert, Kirsten Fifield, Brittany LaCosse, Jamie Jones, Tiffany Nemtuda, Chrissie Sullivan. Row 4: Nicole Gobin, Kathryn Kemp, Tara Pellegrini, Jennifer Bennett, Jessie Fuqua, Samantha Phillips, Kimberly Kuiper, Anh To.



A. Posing for a snapshot, sophomores Swift Wilder flashes a thumbs up while classmate Erica Greenlee awaits the next dance of the night.

B. "Sunshine was a blast! All of the decorations were very unique," said junior Rachel Kikkert. "Sunshine was fun. My date and I had a great time. The music was really groovy and the dancing was wild," said junior Daniel Shudwell.

C. While doing the Electric Slide, senior Scott Hoffmann focuses on his dance moves as he tries to keep the beat.

D. "Sunshine my senior year was awesome!" I encourage everyone to join Sunshine. Remember: dream big and never stop trying," said senior Naciya Gobin.



# SUNSHINE

The importance of giving of oneself

Sunshine was not only a dance that was held in the beginning of school, but a club that participated in the community. They held service projects including the Spaghetti Dinner that raised \$2000 for the DeMotte and Wheatfield Volunteer Fire Departments who saved the school during a fire in 1995. Sunshine held food drives and fund raisers for Terri Wireman a janitor who had a liver transplant and Nick Tysen who was an elementary student who suffered from brain cancer.

Every season the club members went out into the community and did an activity for the kids. During Halloween there was the Harvest Fest which consisted of a hay ride, pumpkin picking, costume judging and tons of games that keep children safe and entertained. "During Halloween, I played with a bunch of little kids and helped them pick out their pumpkins and helped out with the hay ride during the Harvest Fest," said junior

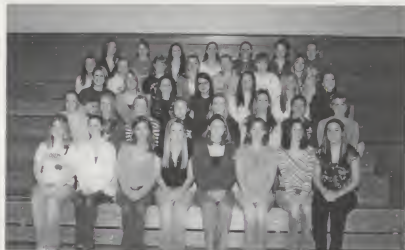
Christine Miles.

While in the Christmas season, presents were bought, wrapped, and sent out to the less fortunate. For Easter, there was a egg hunt with games that kept everyone busy. Harvest Fest and the Easter Egg hunt were sponsored by the town, and Sunshine provided the workers.

For the nursing homes, volunteers were sent out to visit and give them fruit baskets. Due to the lack of interest, the Mother-Daughter/Ideal Lady Dessert Bar was cancelled. In memory of a tragic day that should not be forgotten, Sunshine was given a donation of a rock with a

plaque of the 9/11, by DeMotte Decorative Stone.

"The rock represents the solid foundation of our nation, the society, and that the events of September 11, 2001 will not shake our resolve," said Mrs. Pat Price who co-sponsored Sunshine Club with Mrs. Lynn Ginzer.



Sophomore Sunshine Row 1: Stephanie Talarek, Amanda Richart, Christy Roorda, Whitney Rayonec, Keely Woods, Mary Kathryn Frederich, Erica Greenlee, Jacki Scheidt. Row 2: Sara Atchley, Stephanie Boling, Kelly Drake, Sarah Eich, Heather McCaulley, Ashley Jonkman, Allison Schultz, Morgan Vankley. Row 3: Courtnee McGraw, Maria Klingaman, Ashley Johnson, Rebecca Fox, Anastasia Christian, Emily Stein, Brittany Scott. Row 4: Kelsey Nannenga, Desiree Hornback, Melanie Daniels, Courtney Stout, Anne Janavich, Jen Davis, Heather Graham. Row 5: Stacey Cencion, Melissa Hasch, Julie Tidwell, Stephanie Rainwater, Sarah Luttringer, Maggie Forden, Tiffany Livengood.



Hiding behind her tray, senior Ashley Tillema serves at the spaghetti dinner in honor of the local fireman.

Handing a check to the Wheatfield Fire Department Vice President Robert Rice and Treasurer Robert Tillema, Sunshine President Ashley Liston gives the \$1,000 donation to the Fire Department.



Candiss Abell

**Sunshine Club 140**





Planting a memorial tree junior Erica Onderwater and Cecilia Heckman add another reminder of 9-11 to the front of the school.

Freshman Sunshine Row 1: Kelsey Allen, Jillian Conley, Nicole Henning, Alexa Murray, Jamie Rios, Elizabeth Tilley, Jennifer Bullard, Morgan Myers, Jillian Kolb. Row 2: Bethany Hunt, Lindsay Risher, Jessica Schultz, Brittany Coffey, Lindsay Sittima, Corinne Janavich, Nicole Kerner, Devon Southard, Hannah Sparks. Row 3: Alecia Penninga, Taylor Scott, Ashley Sholes, Jessica Bryson, Brittany Mann, Andriana Garza, Laura Myers, Lauren Hall, Danielle Faulkenberg. Row 4: Julie Dykstra, Jessica Witvoet, Jessica Dehning, Holly Kampenga, Danielle Jarrell, Marissa Tillema, Rebecca Schiemann, Tara Deeter, Katelyn Pajkos. Row 5: Mandy Ledger, Brianna Patton, Page Walczak, Danielle Fase, Julie Hamstra, Meredith Hamons, Bethany Ferguson, Tera Ritchie. Row 6: Candy Miller, Vicki Murray, Samantha Jordan, Melissa Roldan, Lauren Leegwater, Cortnie McLellan, Erin Molon, Amber Herdeen.



A Passing out the box orders was helper junior Emma Cunningham, while senior Andrea Cunningham receives her box and shows her receipt.

B Out of respect, Sunshine receives a donation from DeMatte Decorative Stone of a plaque on a rock to commemorate 9-11 01

C Receiving a check for the DeMotte Fire Station, Matt Bristol proudly accepts the donation from Sunshine Vice President junior Allison Plappes.

D Trying to find a snack from the bake sale, junior Troy Jackson observes his choices. All proceeds went to the Joe Nimetz Fund

# BPA

Business Professionals of America advance to state

It's the little things that made a difference. Although Business Professionals of America (BPA) was a smaller club, they still found ways to help out the school as well as their club. Being in the Christmas spirit, members of BPA sent Santa Grams to the student body and the faculty. While in the Christmas spirit, BPA offered gift wrapping to everyone. As the year came to an end, officers elected and initiated the members into their office positions for the next school year.

As second semester began, members prepared for competitions by looking over old contests. District Leadership Conference was held on January 15 which was the first stage of competition. Members who attended included sophomore Andrew Surber, junior Amy Knip, and seniors Tiffany Philpot and Jimmy Trembly. Placing ninth in



Keyboarding Production and third in Desktop Publishing Andrew Surber advanced to state. Also advancing were Amy Knip who won fifth place in Medical Office Procedures and Tiffany Philpot who placed second in Desktop Publishing. Jimmy Trembly took home a third in Integrated Office Procedures. At state, Amy Knip placed eighth in Medical Office Procedures. Andrew Surber received his first Certificate of Technical Achievement (CTA) from the organization.

On March 6-8, the five contestants went to Indianapolis for the State Leadership Conference. While competing against other schools, members had a chance to make new friends from other schools at the teen night club called Jillians. Advisor Diana Zacher said, "BPA members have never done an outside event where 1,500 students went to have fun and relax. It was nice."



Row 1: Kaitlyn Ketchum - secretary, Tiffany Philpot - president, Jimmy Trembly - vice president, Keith Axtell - treasurer. Row 2: Tara Pellegrini, Andrew Surber, Amy Knip, Adam Kerkes.



Above Center: Getting in the groove, junior Amy Knip listens to Leave "Get Out" by Jolo off Andrew Surber's MP3 player. Knip was trying to pass time as she was waiting for Mrs. Zacher so the group could go out to Fazzoli's Restaurant near the Ivy Tech campus in Valparaiso.

While being in the Indiana Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel for a conference, BPA members make a big smile at the camera. BPA Advisor, Mrs. Diana Zacher took a lot of pictures as sophomore Andrew Surber and junior Amy Knip received their awards.

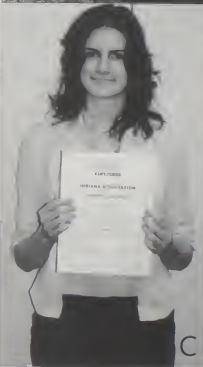


Keith Axtell



Trying to figure out what to do, sophomore Andrew Surber helps a senior from Lake Central at the District Leadership Conference at the IVY Tech State College in Valparaiso. Surber received two awards at the regional level.

Business Professionals of America members who placed at the regional level and advanced to state were junior Amy Knip, sophomore Andrew Surber, and seniors Tiffany Philpot and Jimmy Trembly. Going to state their second time, Philpot and Trembly knew what they were getting into. Therefore, both seniors were role models for the new-comers.



A Eating at Fazio's Restaurant in Valparaiso, Mrs. Zacher tried to show everyone her technique on improper eating faces. Zacher was eager to see who placed and who would advance to state at the regional competition.

B Wanting to make an impression, sophomore Andrew Surber took a picture of the cameraman with another camera at the table in the Fazio's Restaurant.

C Just receiving her award in Medical Office Procedures at the regional level, junior Amy Knip was happy that she placed. "Being in BPA for my first year was very exciting because I placed at the regional and state levels," said Knip.

D Eagerly waiting to get in and seated at the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, seniors Jimmy Trembly and Tiffany Philpot anticipated the motivational speaker, Ryan Moran.



# ART/MIRAGE/DRAMA

Members express their individuality through paintings, writings, and performances.

Having individuality and expression were a part of these three clubs. In Art Club the members expressed their individuality by creating unique paintings and tie-dying shirts.

Members also went into the dark room to develop photos that they had taken throughout the year. Being a four year member of Art Club, senior Samantha Kampersal received a scholarship from Mrs. Nancy Klockow, the Art Club Sponsor.

In Mirage Club, members expressed their individuality by writing stories, poems, and lyrics. Another way that members expressed their individuality was by creating images for illustrations for the book. Mrs. Sarah Miller also asked the Foreign Language teachers if they had any students who wanted to write a poem or story in their studied language. Mrs. Irma Coddington, a Spanish teacher, had a few volunteers who wrote poems in Spanish for Mirage. Out of the 15 years that

Mrs. Miller had been the advisor for Mirage, she never had any poems or stories in another language.

Another way students expressed their individuality was through drama. Members of Drama Club went and saw *Comedy Sportz* in Chicago, had a hip-hop dance workshop, tap dancing lessons after school, and performed *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Grease*. Sponsoring the dramatic members was Mrs. Jill Steiner.

Trying to get the members more motivated, Steiner started using her dramatic ways to set the mood. Saturday, May 21, Drama Club had a banquet at Gelsosomo's Pizzeria in Valparaiso. Sophomore Andrew Surber said, "What I liked about Drama Club the best was that we were able to watch other people perform drama as well as perform ourselves. We had a lot of fun performing in front of the school."



Mirage Club Row 1: Shawna Watkins, Jamie Moore, Jessica Wray, Jeff Schumacher II, Elizabeth Weaver, Adam Kerkes. Row 2: Nicole Wright, Carrielle Baumgarte, Sara Little, Brianna Patton, Morgan Myers, Brent Scamihorn. Row 3: Mrs. Sarah Miller, Amy Knip, Allison Bestich, Patrick Cusack, Tara Bennett.



Above Center: While attending a Mirage club meeting, junior Amy Knip waits patiently to see what Mrs. Miller is going to show them, Mrs. Miller showed the club members what the cover would look like.

Getting ready for a show, seniors William Whited, Andrew Naughton, and Devin Freckelton put on makeup to express their characters in the fall play *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Whited played the role of Grandpa Joe. Naughton played Mr. Teavee, and Freckelton played the role of Augustus.



Steven Roelofs



During an Art Club meeting, sophomore Elizabeth Weaver works on her Crochet project. At the time she had just started crocheting a blanket.

Art Club Row 1: Carly Rice, Jazmyn Allen, Jeff Schumacher II, Joshua Gibson.  
Row 2: Amy Knip, Adam Kerkes, Carrie Rice, Elizabeth Weaver, Megan Schrombeck.  
Row 3: Danielle Jarrell, Vicki Murray, Morgan Myers, Candy Wood-Miller.



Drama Club Row 1: Jimmy Trembly, Kathryn Hoster, Emily Smith, Kathryn Kemp, Carrie Rice, David Plant, Adam Kerkes, Devin Freckelton, William Whited. Row 2: Meagan Anderson, Keith Hoffman, Ashton DeVries, Brandon Phillips, Elizabeth Tillema, Jessica Nuss, Allison Klicek, Andrew Naughton, Shannon Abrell. Row 3: Viviana Mijares, Rebecca Fox, Matthew Patton, Christopher Jenkins, Stephanie Rainwater, Courtney Stout, Adam Betancourt, Nathan Leath, Aaron Hebda. Row 4: Bridgid Fayson, Lindsay Seegers, Danielle Alcorn, Tara Deeter, Christina Kittle, Katelyn Pajkos, Tonya Brockway, Bethany Hunt, Taylor Scott, Rebecca Schliemann. Row 5: Jennifer Moreno, Ana Perez, Sara Little, Samantha Maretich, Jessica Bryson, Brent Scamihorn, Kevin Carlson, Melissa Easto, Andrew Surber, Elizabeth Weaver.



# FFA

Future Farmers of America impact local agriculture.

Being in FFA made an impact on the lives of the members, as well as, the community. Members of FFA learned a lot by attending conventions and placing in competitions. Senior Tiffany Nemtuda said, "I really enjoyed going to the conventions and seeing our scrapbook do well. FFA has also taught me a lot of leadership skills that I will never forget."

FFA officers were Senior Ryan Wynkoop for 2004 President, and junior Ryan Hilton for 2005 President, sophomore Andrew Hershman was Vice President, junior Brian DeKock was Secretary, junior Adam Misch was Treasurer, freshman Ryan Pruitt served as Reporter, and freshman Chester Magiera served as Sentinel.

When winter came upon us, it was time to announce the new FFA Sweetheart. Nominees for the Sweetheart were freshman Julie Dykstra, sophomore Jessica Wray, junior Ann

Dykstra, and senior Rebecca Bledsoe. The newly crowned FFA Sweetheart was senior Rebecca Bledsoe who was accompanied by senior Ryan Wynkoop. "Being the FFA Sweetheart meant so much to me. I was really honored. All the nominees looked great and the crowning was a lot of fun," said Bledsoe.

"I liked being in FFA. The thing that I most liked about FFA was the member auction," said freshman Lacie Melhart. The auction raised a total of \$1,825. At the last meeting, awards were presented. Star Greenhand Award for the first year member went to freshman Chester Magiera. Star Chapter Farmer Award went to sophomore Andrew Hershman. Dekalb Award went to senior Ryan Wynkoop. The last award was the Mental Attitude which went to sophomore Jessica Wray. Farm Bureau sponsored all of the awards and the FFA Banquet. FFA was sponsored by Mr. Steve Inman.



Row 1: Mr. Steve Inman, Adam Misch, Tiffany Nemtuda, Rebecca Bledsoe, Brian DeKock, Victoria Onderwater, Ryan Wynkoop, Andrew Hershman. Row 2: Johnathon Ooms, Matthew Proffrock, Richard Meyers, Eric Clake, Ryan Hilton, Ryan Pruitt, Michael Hunter, Allison Bestich. Row 3: Chester Magiera, Lacie Melhart, Tonya Brockway, Krin Huff, Adam Zentz, Andrew Mackall, Adam Mehay Jonathan Armstrong, James Sholey.



Above Center: Distributing fruit to staff members, freshman Eric Clake participates in the annual FFA Fruit Fundraiser which features apples and oranges.

Heading outside, sophomore Andrew Hershman, freshman Ryan Pruitt, juniors Ryan Hilton, Brian DeKock, Adam Misch, freshman James Sholey, and sophomore Matthew Proffrock leave for a district meeting.

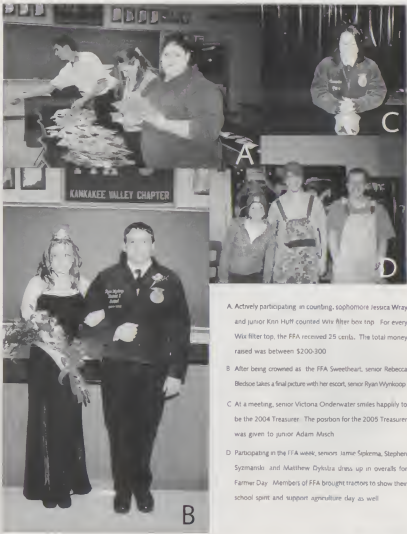


Andrew Hershman  
FFA 145



At the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, seniors Victoria Onderwater, Rebecca Bledsoe, Tiffany Nemtuda, Ryan Wynkoop, junior Adam Misch, and senior Aaron Hershman await entrance to the main floor of the convention center.

FFA Sweetheart Court: Freshmen Ryan Pruitt, Julie Dykstra, sophomores Andrew Hershman, Jessica Wray, 2004 Sweetheart Tiffany Nemtuda, Mr. Apple, juniors Anne Dykstra, Ryan Hilton, and seniors Rebecca Bledsoe and Ryan Wynkoop line up with their escorts awaiting the announcement.



A. Actively participating in courtship, sophomore Jessica Wray and junior Kon Huff counted with filter box top. For every Wix filter top, the FFA received 25 cents. The total money raised was between \$200-300

B. After being crowned as the FFA Sweetheart, senior Rebecca Bledsoe takes a final picture with her escort, senior Ryan Wynkoop

C. At a meeting, senior Victoria Onderwater smiles happily to be the 2004 Treasurer. The position for the 2005 Treasurer was given to junior Adam Misch

D. Participating in the FFA week, seniors same Spelman, Stephen Spelman, and Matthew Dykstra dress up in overalls for Farmer Day. Members of FFA brought tractors to show their school spirit and support agriculture day as well



# FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Helps students understand the words that are coming out of mouths

Learning about different cultures, trying different kinds of food and going on cultural field trips were just some of the many events the club enjoyed.

"No where else can you blend different languages and personalities, where it's actually required, and still have fun. This is what the Foreign Language Club is all about," said senior William Whited.

During the spring, the Foreign Language Club took a field trip to the restaurant in Valparaiso called Don Quiote's. They ate there and had a fun time just talking about past things that the club had done together.

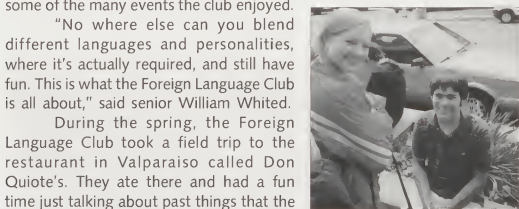
"Hola! I really enjoy Foreign Language Club. The meetings are productive, fun, and sometimes, involve food, and we also go on a lot of fun and interesting field trips," said junior Jessica Nuss who studied Spanish III.

A couple of the Foreign Language Club members took a trip to Mexico for Spring Break. They were also joined

by second year Spanish students. There they learned more about the culture and enjoyed speaking the language of that country.

"It was so much fun, we did everything you can possibly think of. We climbed pyramids, parasailed, swam with dolphins and we also went shopping whenever we wanted," said junior Carrie Barrera.

Foreign Language Club also had a fund raiser for third year foreign language students Ryan Smeltzer who went to Spain, Emily Penninga who went to Germany, and Sally Wallenstein who went to France. The \$2,000 from the fund raiser was used to help defray the cost of the three who were selected for the Indiana University Honors Program. The students stayed in the countries for seven weeks.



During Spring Break, Mr. Charles Coddington, junior Joshua Gibson, sophomore Crystal Flores, Mrs. Irma Coddington, sophomore Erica Greenlee, Theresa Medina, sophomore Samantha Medina, junior Carrie Barrera, and Mrs. Shelly Greenlee await their tour in Mexico.



Above Center: Sitting down, senior David Plant relaxes as he waits to go into the Don Quiote Restaurant. Some of the members including Anne Janavich went to Don Quiote's in Valparaiso for a fun and interesting field trip.

Approaching France, senior Nelson Wilder, junior Lauren Laski, senior Kathryn Huhn, juniors Carrie Barrera, Alyssa Tomach and senior Lindsay Beeching get ready for their second attack on the French army. They ended up winning the second battle of the Cinco de May on May 5 during the school play produced by the French and Spanish classes under the direction of Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Coddington.

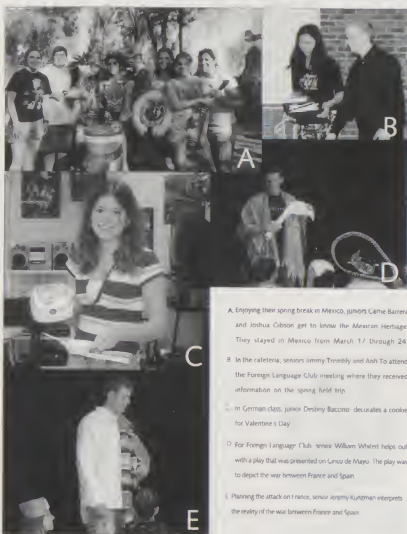


Corey Morse  
**Clubs 148**



During a field trip for Foreign Language Club, senior Brittany Luketic takes a drink of water from the canteen. After everyone had taken a drink from the canteen they then began eating lunch.

Row 1 Anh To, Rachel Yack, Tiffany Philpot, Jimmy Trembly, Michelle Anderson, David Plant, William Whited, Lindsey Beeching, James Lewandowski, Jill DeVries, Margaret Wood, Scott Fieldhouse. Row 2 Sheri Shagha Shamou, Bertil Carl Valenkamph, Matthew Jurs, Dominic Willis, Dyanna Hamstra, Michelle Berg, Ryan Wilson, Jan Hendri Dannheisig, Ryan Wynkoop, Nicole Disney. Row 3 Mrs. Coddington, Janice Moore, Benjamin Stein, Mallory Wierzbka, Jessica Nuss, Clarisa Bonilla, Ashton DeVries, Lauren Laski, Amy Knip, Emily Penninga. Row 4 Joshua Gibson, Jessi Jungels, Carrie Barrera, Rachel Kikkert, Destiny Baccino, Elizabeth Tillema, Anne Janavich, Joshua Bael, Daniel Beedle, Michael Beeching. Row 5 Bethany Clark, Danielle Jarrell, Brittany Hancock, Courtney McGraw, Melissa Pilarczyk, Kelly Drake, Elizabeth Weaver, Andrew Surber, Kevin Carlson, Matthew Patton, Cory Bifoss. Row 6 Brent Scamihorn, Bethany Ferguson, Daniel Hudspeth, Jason Polomchak, Rick Newton, Steven DeVries, Tiffany Wilson, Cortnie McLellan, Shawna Watkins, Alecia Penninga, Justin Klassen.



- A. Enjoying their spring break in Mexico, juniors Catherine Barrera and Joshua Gibson get to know the Mexican Heritage. They stayed in Mexico from March 17 through 24.
- B. In the cafeteria, seniors Jimmy Trembly and Anh To attend the Foreign Language Club meeting where they received information on the spring field trip.
- C. In German class, junior Destiny Baccino decussates a cookie for Valentine's Day.
- D. For Foreign Language Club, senior William Whited helps out with a play that was presented on Cinco de Mayo. The play was to depict the war between France and Spain.
- E. Planning the attack on I ranco, senior Jeremy Kuntzman interprets the reality of the war between France and Spain.



# NHS/TFC

Helping learn to be better leaders for the roads to come

On Thursday March 17 several students were released from class at 1:45 for the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

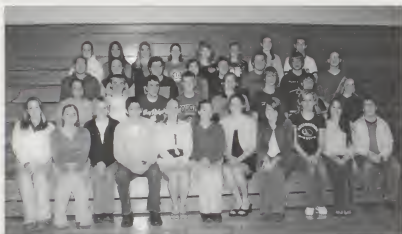
"NHS is a very prestigious organization that focused on service and leadership. I am honored to have been a part of it because it taught me what it is to truly give time to my community," exclaimed senior Ashley Liston. Many students felt the same way. NHS participated in many events such as Make It Take Program, Kids' Corner at the Touch of Dutch, tutoring, and courtyard cleanups.

Teen Freedom Corp. was another club that held many events such as Trick or Treat for Unicef, visited the elementary school for Valentine's Day and also held a banquet for the local hero who was Jason Wallace. That event took place on Wednesday March 30 at 1:20 in

the library. Many members of the club spoke at the presentation including, the president of TFC, senior Andrew Talarek who introduced Jason and added a little bit about him.

"The annual local hero award presentation was a great thing to see. When they were presenting the certificates and showed the plaque, all Officer Wallace had to say was, 'I wish I could do more,'" said senior Michelle Anderson.

During the week of November 15-19 Teen Freedom Corp. held a Random Act of Kindness Week. During the week, teachers watched and interacted with students every day and looked for acts of kindness so that teen heroes could be recognized for nice things they did every day. It was a great way to see how people interacted and tried to help one another.



NHS: Row 1: Michelle Anderson, Emily Smith, Ashley Tillema, Timothy Fraticelli, Michelle Berg, Dyanina Hamstra, Michelle Schurman, Ashley Liston, Megan Kikkert, Kirsten Fifield, David Fischer Row 2: Jillian Golly, Mike Torbitt, Jeremy Kunzman, Zach Sessions, Lindsey Beeching, Scott Fieldhouse, David Plant, Nicole Disney Row 3: Emily Penninga, Jessi Jungels, Joshua Gibson, Allison Kicek, Ryan Smeltzer, Aaron Hebda, Matthew Wicker, Anthony Fraticelli Row 4: Lauren Laski, Clarisa Bonilla, Sara Boer, Jessie Nuss, Ashton DeVries, Stephanie Poisel, Jill DeVries, James Lewandowski



Above Center: While trying to organize the 'Local Hero' ceremony, president of TFC, senior Andrew Talarek discusses with his fellow club members about the event. Getting their opinion helped in planning the event.

Helping the National Honor Society for the induction tea, junior Jessie Nuss, Mrs. Barb Jackson along with senior Emily Penninga, volunteer to pour punch for students.



Jeremy Kunzman

**NHS/TFC 150**





While attending one of the Teen Freedom Corps meetings, junior Cassandra Coffey sits attentively while listening about the information regarding the 'Local Hero' ceremony happening on March 30.

TFC: Row 1: Megan Davidson, Cassie Coffey, Jordon VanWienen, Andrew Talarek, Ben Bryan, Bertil Carl ValenKamph Row 2: Amber Cunningham, Amanda Raymond, Michelle Anderson, David Plant, Alana Williams, Trent Dorn Row 3: Clarisa Bonilla, Sara Boer, Mallory Wierzba, Adam McDaniel, Adam Kerkes, William Whited



A. Enjoying their cake, seniors Tommy Sandanato and Ryan Mooney converse about the NHS induction. Students and their parents gathered for punch and cake

B. Waiting in the gym to find out who will be Mr. Koger, seniors Elizabeth Sutton and Trent Dorn unite graciously

C. While thanking the Teen Freedom Corps for honoring him as a 'Local Hero', Officer Jason Wallace shows his appreciation for being honored for his work

D. Seeking to find answers for homework, senior Anthony Fricklin flips through pages of his book to review where the answer would be as Andy King awaits the right page

Ryan Smeltzer

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# NEWSPAPER

Spreads the Word throughout the school and the community

Spreading the word about the latest news was the Spirit staff's job. With only 10 months of school, the staff had nine issues to publish. Some people may think that writing stories for the newspaper could be easy, but the students involved begged to differ. "Newspaper is one the hardest classes I have. There is a lot of work involved because the deadlines are so close together," said sophomore Andrew Surber.

Sophomores Andrew Surber, Sean Warren, and editor senior Alexander Warren went to Indiana University journalism summer camp to better their writing skills. "Being an editor is very stressful, but the output is worth all of the work. I feel that the end product is so influential to the student body. Editors have a lot of responsibility and trust put in them, and the



feeling of accomplishment is the best part of it all," said Warren.

Even unexperienced writers found out what it took to become a writer for The Spirit. "This is my first year of newspaper, and it is a lot more fun than I had thought it was going to be. It is also a lot of hard work. Getting my stories done on time is the hardest part, but all and all newspaper is a pretty fun class," commented freshman Anna Gilbert.

In the second semester newspaper staff needed \$1,300 to put out the last five copies. They all got together and sold more ads, and they also sold Christmas, and Valentines Day wishes, which helped them to earn the funds that were needed to publish the first senior issue in four color.



Row 1: Jerica Whitlock, Kimberly Berns, Jessica Whirley. Row 2: Heather Drake, Ashlee Matson, Andrew Surber. Row 3: Sean Warren, Alexander Warren, Anna Stafford. Row 4: Anastasia Wagner, Grazyna Gajewska.

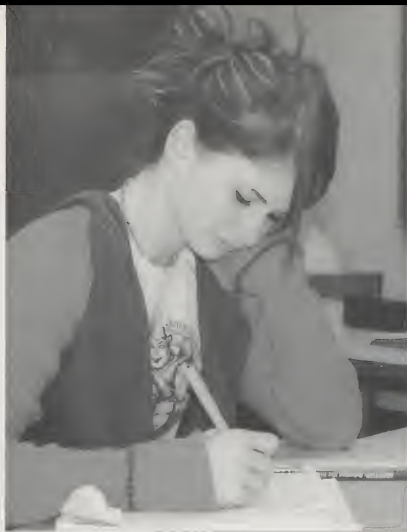
Reading an assignment that was passed out to the class senior Alexander Warren focuses on the main points of newspaper writing. Alexander Warren was co-editor his junior year, and became head editor for his senior year.



Sean Warren

**Newspaper 152**

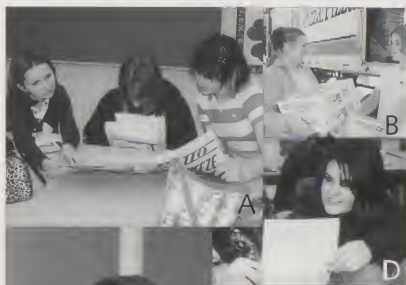




Working on a story meant plenty of writing and rewriting as freshman Anna Gilbert strives to perfect her editorial on school spirit.



After asking a question about her headline, senior Ashlee Matson receives help from Mrs. McKinney. "I always appreciate getting help from Mrs. McKinney, since I'm going into journalism next year" said senior Ashlee Matson.



A "Being in KJV newspaper is really exciting. In the future I want to be a journalist, so I will need experience. I wish to stay longer with my friends in newspaper," said Crayna who was an exchange student from Poland. Graue was searching for ideas with freshman Anna Stafford and sophomore Annetina Wagner.

B While carrying in pizza into that the newspaper students had sold to help raise money, yearbook staffer junior Sarah Selamish helps newspaper staffer junior Heather Drake. The staff raised \$420 to add to the fund.

C "Journalism is a great way to express yourself and get recognized for things that you write. It's also rewarding in the end when you know you've inspired someone with a story you have written," said junior Kim Davis.

D Proofreading her next story for The Spirit, junior Jena Whitlock goes over her survey for her in-depth.



# SADD & PIONEERZ

Helping themselves, by helping others

Filling students in on the consequences of wrong decisions was the main thing that SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), and Pioneerz accomplished in very constructive and demonstrative ways.

Built around the desire to help teenagers make good decisions, SADD, sponsored by Mrs. Andrea Scheidt and Mrs. Nancy Valenkamp found ways to help teenagers make responsible decisions about obtaining from drugs and alcohol.

As well as doing a Mock Car Crash every other year, SADD attempted to bring in MADD and Jim Noffsinger, to perform skits for students the day before prom. Due to unfortunate circumstances, neither could attend.

Other activities SADD did was selling red bracelets that said "Impoverished" to raise money for the club and hosting two blood drives during the school year. Sophomore Angela Donis said, "The blood drive is a good

thing for the school and the community."

Pioneerz sponsored by Mrs. Nancy Klockow and Mr. Dennis Sterrett helped influence younger generations on the everyday choices they made in all aspects of their lives.

Pioneerz did many things throughout the school year, such as going on a retreat to Camp Cary, inviting *Reinvent your Identity* to put on a presentation for the school, and having lunch with the seventh graders, as well as visiting them in their classes. "We went to talk to the seventh graders and get to know them better. We wanted to tell them that we'd be there for them if they

had any problems," said junior Ashley Murray.

From helping students not only in their grade, but in the middle school as well, SADD and Pioneerz found ways to help other people find success in their lives by encouraging them to make healthy decisions.



Pioneerz Row 1: Jordan VanWienen, Kirsten Fifield, Derek Kunzman. Row 2: Ashley Liston, Ashley Murray.



Above Center: Talking to the crowd, Senior Ashley Liston participates in a presentation given to the seventh graders. Liston said, "Mentoring the middle schoolers has been extremely rewarding. I hope that the Pioneerz are making a difference in their lives."

Participating in the Reinvent your Identity (RYI), convocation, freshman Corinne Janavich, sophomore Elizabeth Tillema, freshman Brent Scamihorn and sophomore Derek Kunzman laugh over a joke one of the presenters made.



Samantha Phillips

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Attempting to tear apart the phonebook, teacher Mr. Mike Peo tries to prove that he is the school's strongest teacher. Pioneerz sponsored the convocation which brought Reinvent your Identity, (RYI) to show students they could do anything.

SADD 9th and 10th. Row 1. Rojelly Almira, Christy Roorda, Laura Myers, Lauren Hale, Amanda Ledger, Melanie Daniels, Cory Bifoss. Row 2. Emily Stein, Kelsey Allen, Johnny Torbitt, Curtis Lintner, Sara Atchley, Erica Greenlee, Jacob Fernandez, Jeff McMillan. Row 3. Derek Kunzman, Kevin Klemp, Mark Hunt, Matt Oliver, Kelsey Nannenga, Hannah Birky, Brittany Scott. Row 4. Edmund Kennedy, Joe Kent, Sean Nannenga, Jacquelynne Scheidt, Nicole Henning, Coutnie McGraw, Marissa Tillema. Row 5. Holly Kampenga, Kelli Hamstra, Danielle Fase, Sarah Eich, Kelly Drake, Bethany Uark, Anne Janavich. Row 6. Mrs. Andrea Scheidt, Mrs. Nancy Valenkamph.



SADD 11th and 12th. Row 1. Brian DeKock, Cassandra Pollard, Zachary Prairie, Joseph Peretin, Bertil Carl Valenkamph, Matthew Jurs, Andrew Talarek, Michael Torbitt, Jeremy Kunzman, Logan Sessions, Robert Whited, Adam Kerkes, Brittany Luketic, David Fischer. Row 2. Michelle Berg, Taryn Porter, Shawn Mikus, Elizabeth Sutton, Sheri Shamlou, Dyanna Hamstra, Michelle Schurman, David Plant, Michelle Anderson, Cole Patrick, Garry Jones, Mallory Wierzbza. Row 3. Ashley Tronjo, Kara Prentoski, Carlin Oezer, Melanie Klunder, Christopher Walstra, Aaron Hebda, Emma Cunningham, Jennifer Kurowsky, Allison Plopper, Alana Williams. Row 4. Jordon VanWienen, Kevin Zuchowski, Adam McDaniel, Lauren Laski, Jessica Nuss, Meagan Anderson, Shannon Abrell, Rachel Kikkert, Destiny Baccino.



# PATHFINDERS/FCA/FCCLA

Always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need

Some important people in FCCLA were the president- senior Brittany Luketic, vice president- senior April Williams, secretary/treasurer- junior Ashley Antkowiak, and the two historians- juniors Amanda Thompson and Alicia Anderson. This group provided a helpful hand to those who needed the help. Around Christmas the club prepared fruit bags for the elderly.

"I enjoyed making fruit bags for the elderly at Christmas time. I enjoy helping people however I can. I felt honored to help and make someone's day by just doing a simple thing like making the fruit bags," said junior Amanda Thompson.

Another event that FCCLA held was the "Queen of Hearts" which was held on Valentine's Day. During 1st period all the males in the school were given one red

paper heart. They then gave their heart to whichever girl they thought deserved it the most. At the end of the day the girl with the most hearts was then considered the "Queen of Hearts." Junior Alana Williams won the fellas over and gained the title of "Queen of Hearts."

"I enjoy being a part of the FCA, which is Fellowship of Christian Athletes because we love sports and our religion. The people in FCA are very fun to be around. They love to have fun and joke around, but at the same time, they can be serious when needed," commented junior member Cole Patrick.

Pathfinders held the annual, 'See You at the Pole' in September. As this event students had the opportunity to meet before school and pray for the safety of the school and their fellow classmates.



Pathfinders: Row 1: Michelle Anderson, Zach Prairie, Matthew Jurs, Elizabeth Sutton, Kathryn Kemp, Ashley VanKley, Dominic Willis, Emily Smith, David Plant, Ashley Tillerma Row 2: Devin Freckelton, William Whited, Amanda Schutz, Cassandra Poisel, Katie Hester, Taryn Porter, Dyanne Hamstra, Michelle Schurman Row 3: Sarah Eich, Ashton DeVries, Stephanie Poisel, Rachel Kikkert, Jessie Nuss, Mallory Wierzbna, Nichole Wright, Camille Baumgarte Row 4: Bethany Clark, Alisa Fratcelli, Tiffany Livengood, Melanie Klunder, Stacy Polomchak, Amy Knip.



Above Center: During a Pathfinders meeting, president and senior Ashley VanKley reads off some important details that she feels the club should know about.

Volunteering to make Christmas fruit bags for the elderly, senior Brittany Luketic and junior Alicia Anderson, staple the bags closed. FCCLA showed their appreciation by doing little things for the community and citizens.



Nicole Henning



Kneeling down to sign the poster for 'See You at the Pole,' senior Emily Penninga begins to cap a marker as she finishes signing the poster. Many students gathered around the pole to listen to music and pray.

FCA: Row 1: Matthew Jurs, Trent Dorn, Zach Prairie, Jeremy Kunzman, Megan Kikkert, Kirsten Fifield, Matthew Reichert, David Fischer, Dominic Willis  
Row 2: Scott Valenkamph, Taryn Porter, Michelle Berg, Dyanna Hamstra, Mike Torbitt, Michelle Schurman, Shawn Mikus, Scott Fieldhouse  
Row 3: Alecia Penninga, Emily Stein, Rojelly Almira, Christy Roorda, Mallory Wierzbza, Lauren Laski, Sara Boer, Clarisa Bonilla, Cole Patrick, Benjamin Stein



FCCLA: Row 1: Brittany Lucketic, April Williams. Row 2: Alicia Anderson, Ashley Antkowiak, Amanda Thompson. Row 3: Jessica Carter, Courtney McLellan, Stacey Polomchak, Christina Schmitt. Row 4: Mrs. Jennifer Schroeder



Attending a Pathfinder's meeting, senior Dominic Willis, sophomore Melissa Easto, sophomore Nichole Tomaszewski, along with sophomore Christopher Jenkins discuss the upcoming events. During one meeting, the club had to sit in the hallway because another class was using the large lecture room next to study hall room.



# SENIOR LEADERS

Inspire Freshmen to get involved

Compassionate, caring, outgoing, dedicated and friendly were just a few characteristics that were required to be a Senior Leader.

After being nominated, teens needed to undergo a background check, complete an intensive questionnaire, and survive an interview by a panel of teachers.

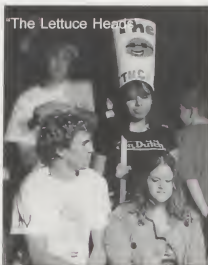
Fifty one teens were selected and trained for the focused freshmen days. Training days included an all day session of learning icebreakers, making team names and chants, and practicing their leadership and communication skills. "My favorite part of the training days would have to be getting to know other classmates better and working together on the skits," said senior Jimmy Tremblay.

Helping the freshmen to feel welcome and to get

involved was one of the main goals of the program. Senior Leaders were there to be good positive role models for the freshmen. Stressing to them how important it was to get involved and do good in their classes and on their finals was another important aspect.

Games such as "partner tag," "Australian pony," "the hugging game," and "the human knot" were just a few of the favorites. There were training days for seniors in April, followed by a tour of the school for the freshmen in May. In August Seniors came back and made sure all plans were finalized for the second day of school.

David Cazares added, "The best part about being a Senior Leader is that you meet a lot of people. I also think that being a Senior Leader makes you more social."



Row1: Michelle Berg, Jeremy Kunzman, Michael Torbitt, Michelle Schurman. Row2: Candiss Abell, Dyanna Hamstra, Matthew Jurs, Shawn Mikus, David Fischer, Scott Lewandowski, Cassandra Pollard, Bertil Valenkamph, William Whited, David Plant, Andrew Talarek. Row3: Kathryn Hester, Taryn Porter, Michelle Anderson, Elizabeth Kreischer, Kathryn Huhn, Adam Kerkes, Janelle Kondos, Brittany Birchett, Lindsey Beeching, Jill DeVries, Scott Fieldhouse. Row4: Megan Passaloukos, Ashley Liston, Megan Bierma, Megan Kikkert, Kirsten Fifield, David Cazares, Kori Jarrell, Brittany Luketic, Seth Kuiper. Row 5: Ryan Wynkoop, Anthony Fraticelli, James Lewandowski, Rocio Ruvalcaba, Megan Davidson, Jimmy Tremblay, Cassandra Poisel, Zachary Sessions, Ryan Vanderlugt. Row 6: Amber Cunningham, Samantha Phillips, Carrie Rice, Cassie Gray, Meagan Clarich, Amanda Mendoza, and Zachary Prairie.



Shawn Mikus and Matthew Jurs

Senior Leaders 151



Building on character and trust, freshmen climbed atop senior leaders as they learned the importance of confidence. Pyramid members include Steven Colbert, senior Seth Kuiper, Chris Gillette, Caitlyn Luckey, Jamie Moore, senior Kathryn Hester and Amanda Keefer on top.

Members of "The Prairie Dogs," Senior Zachary Prairie and freshman David Walstra talk about how to do the next activity. Walstra said, "My favorite part about Freshmen Fundamentals was watching the different teams do their little 'skits' on stage in the auditorium."



- A "My favorite part of Freshmen Fundamentals was when every team had to make up a cheer or dance. Corey Molden did the worm because we were the 'Freshies' and there is a firework that is a worm." - Freshman Kalina VanderWoude
- B "Being chosen as a Senior Leader was very invigorating! I was glad that someone viewed me as a positive role model and an inspiring leader." - Senior Cassie Gray
- C During a Senior Leader training session, Michael Torbett catches his partner Anthony Fratelli in mid air while they play partner tag. In partner tag the point was to separate from your partner and when the music stopped run and jump into his arms
- D Trying to make the strongest "boat" they could, these freshmen work together to get the job done. Students were asked to make a "boat" that would float as well as hold weight. The group with the strongest "boat" won.



# ACADEMIC TEAMS

## Spellbowl, Academic Decathlon, Superbowl

Can you spell "eleemosenary"? Well that's what junior Ashton DeVries did at the Rensselaer Invitational on September 28. She won the perfect speller award with a score of 9/9. When she spelled the word "eleemosenary" correctly, she remarked, "It made me feel pretty intelligent."

Some members have been involved in academic teams since they started high school. When asked why, junior Emily Penninga said, "I've been doing Spellbowl since middle school. I started because my sisters were in Spellbowl, but I came to really enjoy it, so I've stayed in Spellbowl since. It's something I really have fun with."

Senior Margaret Wood has been a three-year member of Spellbowl. She exonerated, "Spellbowl was

fun and exciting. I made new friends at the meets while expanding my vocabulary. The meets were a great time to relax and have fun when you're not spelling of course! I'm glad I joined for the last three years. It has definitely been a bright spot in my high school academic career."

The theme for the Academic Decathlon was "Exploring the ancient world." Competitions included Speech, Interviews, Essay writing, Mathematics, and Language and Literature. They also had to read classic literature such as Oedipus Rex, Antigone, Electra, and Illiad

Superbowl's focus was on Imperial Russia. The interdisciplinary team qualified for state. At each meet, there could only be three members at the table, and they had 20 seconds to form an answer.



Spellbowl: Row 1: Andrew Farr, Sally Wallenstein, Missy Easto, Nicole Disney, Margaret Wood, James Lewandowski. Row 2: Jazmyn Allen, Ryan Wynkoop, Ashton DeVries, Emily Penninga, Alecia Penninga, Amanda Schutz

Above Center: Posing for a picture with their second place trophy are Spellbowl members senior Amanda Schutz, junior Emily Penninga and junior Ashton DeVries.

Seniors Anthony Fraticelli and David Plant have been involved in academic teams all during high school. When asked why, Anthony Fraticelli remarked, "It was a great activity to put down on scholarship applications."



Brian Winter





Mrs. Schener, on her first year coaching, remarks, "It was very interesting and fun...I was surprised at the dedication since some had other things going on like sports and band. Next year, I hope more people will come out."

Academic Decathlon: Row 1: Craig Curtis, Royce Havens, David Plant. Row 2: Ashton DeVries, Kevin Carlson, Brian Winter Row 3: Daniel Hudspeth, Zachary Adams, Anthony Fraticelli, Amy Knip



Superbowl members who went to state for the Interdisciplinary team: Row 1: Daniel Hudspeth, Zachary Adams Row 2: Ryan Wynkoop, Anthony Fraticelli, Ashlee Matson. At the last minute, Matson stayed home due to an illness.



"Since I didn't go to many practices, I took the initiative to study by myself because my teammates desired to go to state...and I didn't want to let them down," commented junior Royce Havens on his performance in Academic Decathlon.



# YEARBOOK

Making your Yearbook one memory at a time!

If you had to choose one word that would describe the yearbook staff "crazy" would be it! Our staff couldn't have been more different from each other, but when it came time to work as a team, we pulled together and got the job done! Every person brought a little something different to the staff.

Our two editors, Amanda Thompson and Ashley Pierson creatively designed the yearbook layouts, Daine Willis brought with him his incredible ability to shoot photos. Siobhan Urbano wrote an awesome caption in just minutes, even for something she knew nothing about. Rachel Yack was the one who continued to hound us about the ads that we weren't selling, and Jennifer Bennett helped with any computer problems. If you were ever in a bad mood, Carlin Oezer or Olivia Ortiz were the people

that you would want to go and see. Ashlee Matson and Elizabeth Moran helped their staff make the best spreads for the sports section. To finish off the old staffers Samantha Phillips could find ways to make academics copy exciting.

Staffers such as Carrie Rice, Jimmy Trembly, and Ashley Miller all came back after they left for a year or two because they just couldn't stay away! Christina Travers was never in short supply of **Napoleon Dynamite** jokes, and Sarah Salamah was a great writer of copy. Michelle Moran and Carri Dickerson learned to improve their picture taking skills with the help of State Award winning photographer Daine Willis.

So, although we all were "crazy" and "different", at the end of the day we all came together and developed the theme, "What we like about you".



Left Side: Christina Travers, Jordan Chops, Rachel Yack, Jimmy Trembly, Carlin Oezer, Daine Willis, Olivia Ortiz, Michelle Moran. Right Side: Samantha Phillips, Amanda Thompson, Jennifer Bennett, Jessie Fuqua, Sarah Salamah, Elizabeth Moran, Carri Dickerson, Ashlee Matson.



Above Center: While in his fourth hour yearbook class, senior Jimmy Trembly passes the time tap dancing. He would put on shows for the rest of the class and try and teach others the steps.

Sitting by the computer looking over her ad spread, senior Rachel Yack, and juniors Amanda Thompson, and Ashley Pierson contact a local business to see if information on the ad is correct. "I really enjoyed being ads editor, but it was hard trying to raise enough money for the book. We had to call a lot of businesses and that got stressful sometimes, but we all pulled through in the end," said Rachel Yack.



Carlin Oezer



Both new staffers, junior Christina Travers and senior Carrie Rice help each other write their copy. "Being a new staffer in Yearbook has been a great experience for me. It gets pretty busy, so I have to be organized and on task for everything just so I won't go crazy," said senior Carrie Rice who worked in activities.

"The story behind the garbage can was that I was going to sit on the edge of the can, but someone walked by and hit my foot, and I fell in! Jessie Fuqua had to tip it over so I could get out!," said sophomore Olivia Ortiz.



A: Salsa dancing was the destination of 13 of the yearbook staffers on February 18. We all gathered at the school and drove to Valpo to dance the night away.

B: Junior Elizabeth Moran and Sophomore Michelle Moran work together to finish their sports spreads. "Working with my sister wasn't all bad, we actually got along," said sophomore Michelle Moran.

C: "I was looking at magazines to see how some of the authors started their copy and captions," said junior Ashley Miller.

D: "We went Salsa dancing, and we all had such an awesome time!" Carrie Dickinson said. I got so excited that she ran and I caught her in the act," said senior Ashlee Matson.

E: Sophomore Diane Willis said, "All the girls wanted me, it was hard to keep them away!" Her "look" included seniors Samantha Phillips and Jessie Fuqua.

Elizabeth Moran



# ENVIRONMENTAL

Keepin' It clean in the Valley!

One purpose of the Environmental Club was helping to keep the school and community clean. Once a month the club went on nature conservancy work days, where club members went to a part of the community and picked up trash. "It is a great way for you to give back to the environment and community," explained sophomore Emily Stein.

Students who went on the ski trip enjoyed the rush of skiing down the hill. Plus going on the ski trip was a great way to meet new people. "I think it was a very fun trip and enjoyable experience. I wanted the ability to meet new people and get better acquainted with the people who were in the group," said sophomore Christy Roorda.

Some important people in the club were the president- junior Patrick Prochno, vice president- senior

Zachary Sessions, secretary- junior Alana Williams, and treasurer- senior Logan Sessions. Those people made the big decisions on what happened in the group along with the sponsor Ms. Patterson. "In many of the members eyes Ms. Patterson was a great sponsor and a fun person to be around," said junior Carlin Oezer.

Environmental Club held many events to raise money including a car wash that raised money for a former student Joseph Niemtz. They also recycled paper throughout the year at school.

"Environmental Club is a great way to enjoy and learn about the places around us. Helping on clean up days makes you appreciate how much land supplies us," said senior Michael Torbitt. By going on the clean up days students saw how people abused the surrounding areas.



Jeremy Jackson



Row 1: Ashley Symanski, Trent Dorn, Seth Kuiper, Dominic Willis, Zachary Sessions, Jeremy Kunzman, Logan Sessions. Row 2: Matthew Reichert, Shawn Mikus, Matthew Jurs, Joseph Peretin, Michael Torbitt, Bertil Carl Scott Valenkamph, Zachary Prairie, Shane Byers, David Fischer. Row 3: Alana Williams, Carlin Oezer, Kara Prentoski, Destiny Bacdno, Mary-Kathryn Frederick, Lauren Laski, Mallory Wierzbza, Ryan Smeltzer, Patrick Koedyker, Patrick Prochno, Patrick Cusack, Tara Bennett. Row 4: Brandon DeYoung, Emma Cunningham, Ashleigh Tronjo, Clarisa Bonilla, Jamie VanderMolen, Derek Kunzman, Matthew Wicker, Nathan Epley, Edmund Kennedy, Cody Seegers. Row 5: Kevin Corbett, Tyler Ritchie, Garry Jones, Darren Wireman, Christy Roorda, Rojelly Almira, Emily Stein, Simon Zarnowski, Nick Zarnowski, Sean Nannenga, Donald Tilley.

As she fell down the slope on the ski trip, junior Ashley Miller sat to gain strength to get herself back up to continue down. For some students who went on the trip, snowboarding and/or skiing was their first time.



David Fischer

Environmental 164



Skiing down the hill with excitement, junior Amanda Evans tries to stop herself as she reaches the end of the slope so she doesn't run into anyone who was waiting at the bottom. In order to have stopped for the skiers, they had to turn in their skis.

Waiting for people to sign up for Environmental Club, junior Patrick Prochno patiently helps junior Carri Dickerson. Prochno answered some of the questions she had about the club like how much the club cost, and what they did.



- A. Patiently awaiting their food, senior Trent Dorn, junior Patrick Prochno, senior Seth Kuper along with Ms. Patterson watch the Students who went on the via trip were relieved to sit down and eat.
- B. Waiting in line for the lift, juniors Ashley Miller, Jessie Thys, and student teacher for Ms. Patterson, Ms. Jones gather for a picture. In spite of the cold weather, they enjoyed the trip.
- C. Getting ready to do a jump over a hill, junior Patrick Prochno takes a steady pace and gets ready for action. Many boys did tricks off the hills and ramps.
- D. For the first time ever on skis, sophomore Emily Stein skis slowly down the hill and prepares to stop at the bottom. Trailing behind her was junior Amanda Evans. It was also her first experience on skis.
- E. Enjoying the weather on club sign-up day, junior Patrick Prochno gives junior Jessie Huss her change back. This day was an opportunity for students to join the clubs they wanted to.



# STUDENT COUNCIL

Helping the community and the school!

Student Council was known for all the help they dedicated to the community. The club was sponsored by Mrs. Heather Carey and Ms. Melissa Whicker. Many of the activities that Student Council sponsored went toward people in need. They held a food drive during Christmas to send to the local food pantry. They also had a doughnut breakfast for all the students that brought in a dollar, or a food item.

"Student Council is a great club/organization. We try to help as many people as possible while getting the students in our school involved. Also getting them into all of the different school activities," said junior Allison Plopper. Some activities included different motivational speakers. Admission to get into the boxing matches cost one dollar, where Mr. Jeff Mengel

and former student Jimmy Holmes were among the boxers.

Another speaker was Jim "Basketball" Jones. He showed off all of his interesting basketball tricks while telling all of the students about how to make decisions that will affect their lives in positive ways. Senior Bertil Carl Valenkamph said, "I thought that the motivational speaker was very interesting. It was a very good program because he used audience participation to relate how you can succeed."

Homecoming was one of the biggest projects Student Council held. The week was full of exciting days. From dress up days, to wacky fourth hour activities. Junior Ashley Martin commented, "Homecoming was an awesome experience. Student Council really did a great job organizing everything. I think everyone got involved and helped out."



Row 1: Trent Dorn, Jodi Anderson, Clarisa Bonilla, Ryan Smeltzer Row 2: Kirsten Fifield, Shawn Mikus, Bertil Carl Valenkamph, Cassandra Pollard, Megan Davidson, David Fisher, Aleesha Wall, Janelle Kondos. Row 3: Taryn Porter, Michelle Berg, Dyanna Hamstra, Michelle Schurman, Michael Torbitt, Jeremy Kunzman. Row 4: Cole Patrick, Matthew Wicker, Christopher Walstra, Aaron Hebda, Matthew O'Brien, Kevin Klemp, Derek Kunzman, Laura Vanderlugt. Row 5: Emily Stein, Rachel Kikkert, Jessica Nuss, Jacquelynne Scheidt, Cassandra Coffey, Jordan VanWienen, Lauren Laski, Mallory Wierzbza, Emma Cunningham, Allison Plopper. Row 6: Rojelly Almira, Destiny Baccino, Christine Roorda, Nicole Henning, Jillian Conley, Holly Kampenga, Jonathan Clifford, Adam Betancourt, Alana Williams.

Student Council members sophomores Kevin Klemp, Joshua Hall, juniors Clarissa Bonilla, and Benjamin Stein make a stop at Mr. Ken Steidle's room to let him select juice and a food item for Teacher Appreciation Day.



Tiffany Livengood



Preparing glasses of milk for distribution, junior Adam Misch gives out milk that went along with the donuts that students got if they brought in a canned item to help those less fortunate. There were a total of 1150 cans that were brought in.



In anticipation of spoiling the teachers for Teacher Appreciation day, sophomores Christine Roorda, Emily Stein, and Daniel Lewallen prepare the food that was to be passed out. Staff appreciation was a great experience and all the staff members seemed to enjoy it," said sophomore Emily Stein.



A Over 100 students in the stands in the gym watched the boxing matches on November 10. All of the proceeds that were collected went to the Joseph Nimetz Fund. There was a total of \$1750.

B Dressing up like a P.R. Mr. Karan Howard was picked by the students to help raise money. All of the money collected was given to two families in need.

C A former student, Jimmy Holmes boxed with Mr. Jeff Mengle and other local boxers to raise money to help Joseph Nimetz who was paralyzed in an accident in 03.

D As sophomores Emily Stein, Christine Roorda, and Tyler Ritchie go up for a demonstration, Jim "Basketball" Jones balances four spinning basketballs from pins. Jim Jones also got a basketball to spin from a pin sticking out of Tyler Ritchie's mouth.



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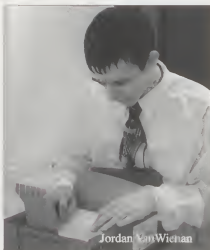
Student Council contributed greatly for all of the activities that were held during the school year. One of the activities Student Council held was a Volleyball tournament to raise money with the Senior boys vs. the Junior boys. Seniors won it all with three wins, against the juniors two wins. Seniors progressed on to the faculty where the seniors ruled again. Student Council raised \$300 thanks to the participation of the students. All of the proceeds went to the Sutton family. Nicole Henning said "Being an active member in Student Council is rewarding. The activities we do are very fun. I think more people should join this school club."

"We were able to make more than \$2,000 worth of charitable donations on behalf of KVHS, and still working to raise more money for the American

Cancer Society and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society," said Mrs. Heather Carey Council co-sponsor. Student Council also put on the Mr. KV pageant which was a contest kind of like the crowing of a Homecoming Queen, but for the boys. Winner was senior Adam Kerkes. Carey also said "It is sure to become a part of the 'KV Tradition' in the coming years."

One of the quaint things Student Council did was put together a Muffins for Moms breakfast. Moms went to class with their teen and then went to the cafeteria second hour for breakfast.

Joining Student Council was also a great place to meet new people. "I never thought that being involved in this club would give me the opportunity to meet as many people as I did. I definitely will join again," said sophomore Matthew Oliver.



Jordan VanWienan



After being crowned Mr. KV, senior Michael Torbitt poses with sophomore Mr. Congeniality Adam Bowman, and freshman Mr. Popularity Kevin Corbett

While attending the Muffins for Moms that took place February 10, sophomore Brittany Scott sat with her substitute mom. Scott said "I took Mrs. Kathy Ferguson, the cafeteria director because my mom was sick, but Kathy and I still had a good time."

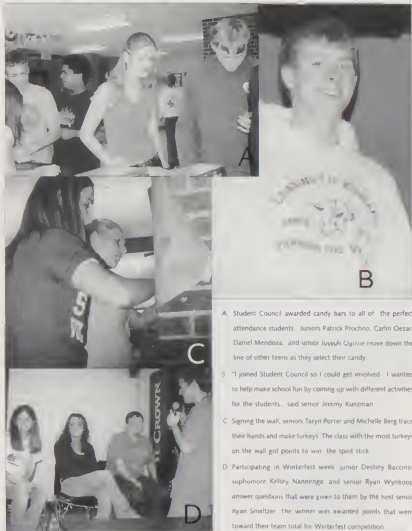


Jessica Nuss

**Student Council 1988**

While stopped to pose for a picture, seniors Devin Freckleton, Michael Torbitt, Bertil Carl Scott Valenkamph, and Shawn

Mikus accept a trophy for being the undefeated volleyball champions.



A. Student Council awarded candy bars to all of the perfect attendance students. Juniors Patrick Prochno, Carlin Oezar, Daniel Mendoza, and senior Joseph Ogilvie move down the line of other teens as they select their candy.

B. "I joined Student Council so I could get involved. I wanted to help make school fun by coming up with different activities for the students," said senior Jeremy Kutzman.

C. Signing the wall, seniors Taryn Porter and Michelle Berg trace their hands and make turkeys. The class with the most turkeys on the wall gets points to win the spirit stick.

D. Participating in Winterfest week, junior Destiny Bacco sophomore Kelley Nannings, and senior Ryan Wynkoop answer questions that were given to them by the host senior Ryan Smeltzer. The winner was awarded points that went toward their team total for Winterfest competition.

Jonathan Clifford

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# WINTERFEST

## The Battle of the Sexes!

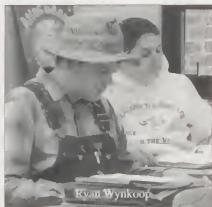
The week of Winterfest was February 22nd thru the 25th, and Student Council and FFA sponsored all of the events. Every day the students had the chance to show how much school spirit they had in them. Normally, the competition was held between classes, but they decided to "spice" it up a little and had it be "Girls vs. Boys." Many more people participated to show that their gender was much better than the other!

Tuesday was Pajama Day, and the fourth hour activity was "Balloon Pop". Wednesday was Carhart or Color Day (Boys-green, Girls-yellow) and the fourth hour activity was "Battle of the Sexes Game Show". Thursday was Hillbilly or Super Fan Day, and the fourth hour activity was Bologna Toss. The final day, Friday was Cowboy/Cowgirl Day, with Karaoke as a fourth hour activity. During the whole week in the drive-up window

there were containers for penny wars. Results for the days were as follows: Tuesday-Girls 3, Boys 0, Wednesday-Girls 1, Boys 2, Thursday-Girls 2, Boys-1, and Friday-Girls 3, Boys 0. At the end of the week a pep session was held to announce that the girls had won for the week!

Also on Tuesday during the Boys Varsity half time, the Kougars lined up on the basketball court to await the results of the Mr. Kougars competition. Adam Kerkes won that title, "I would have never imagined that I would win Mr. Kougars! When they called my name, I couldn't believe it! I was so excited!"

On Thursday night, Spike Down was held in the gym. Many kids showed up to show their support for their team. Some students came in costumes, with t-shirts that were supportive of their grade. The game was between the Juniors and the Seniors. In the end, the Seniors won with a score of three wins to two losses.



After being crowned Mr. Kougars, senior Adam Kerkes and his escort senior Emily Smith pose for a picture. "Escorting Adam for the Kougars court was a fun time. Adam's a cool dude and I'm glad he received the honor of being Mr. Kougars," said Emily Smith.



Elizabeth Sutton and Trent Dorn

**Winterfest 170**





It has always been a tradition for the boys to dress up for Spikedown. Junior Ryan Smetzler dressed up crazy to help encourage the junior boys. Juniors lost 2-3 to the seniors

For Spikedown, nine senior girls made their shirts to support male classmates who participated in the Spike Down. After the game, the girls stood together so that their t-shirts read: Go Seniors!



- A. Annually awaiting the Winterfest results, each of the nominees and their escorts pose for a group picture. Nominees for the Seniors were Michael Torbett, Thomas Sankarato, Adam Kerkes, and Trent Dorn
- B. Standing on the court, freshman nominee Kevin Corbett and his escort freshman Brittany Semple wait nervously as the rest of the nominees are presented to the audience
- C. In the final Spikedown game, senior Kyle Jaroma spikes the ball to the juniors side to score the point
- D. Winning Spikedown was awesome! I loved beating the juniors and the faculty said Jaroma
- E. During the game against Morgan Township, junior Darren Weeman and sophomores Nicole Plachowski and Whitney Rayonec sit in the fan section
- F. When the game was over the juniors came together to cheer each other up after they lost to the seniors 2-3

Larry Porter and Michael Torbett



# FIELD DAY

Slip slidin' your way through the day!

Keeping pace with the wishes of the student body, Student Council members spent the morning of May 25

fire hose or water fights.

Food was provided by the yearbook staff. All the

money that was made was then taken into the yearbook fund for next year's staff. Food included little snacks such as candy bars, and bags of cookies. They also sold out of bottled water, pop, and juice.

They also organized a balloon toss, a mattress race and a pop race where one member had to drink a one liter of pop before his/her teammate completed a lap of the track. "All the events were really fun to watch. I had a nice white shirt on so I didn't want to get it dirty. It was almost perfect when I left, only a little spot of pudding!", said sophomore Daine Willis.



Janelle Kondos Seth Kuiper

The final event was a wheel chair derby which was won by Brian DeKock. The other participants were freshman John Burton, sophomore Mark Melton, and senior Ryan VanderLugt.

Age old games of duck duck goose, tug of war and red rover also entertained the crowd of over 500 students who ended the two hour event covered in pudding or mud or drenched from the

"Field day was awesome! It was a perfect way to end my Senior year! It was weird how everyone was getting along. There was no drama for two hours, which was great!" exclaimed senior Ashlee Matson.



While participating in the relay race in the mud underneath the bleachers, sophomore Colleen Olive tries her best to beat her opponent. She was very close to winning, but took second place the last minute.



Above Center: After seniors Janelle Kondos and Seth Kuiper got caught up in the moment of the shaving cream and pudding fights, they realized that their camera was caught in the middle of the whole thing! "I was so scared that her camera wasn't going to work, and that she would be mad, so I tried my best to clean it off for her. It finally worked!" said Seth Kuiper.

Building different figures in the sand seniors Margaret Wood, Tiffany Philpot, Jill DeVries, and Tracy Whitesell take time off from their busy academic schedule to play during one of their final days in May.



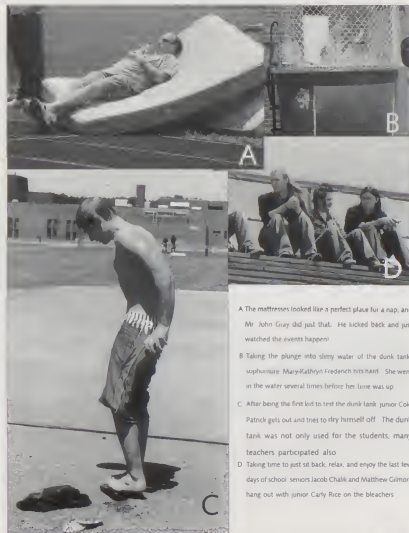
Crystal Herdleen, Stevie Alexander

Field Day 172



Making the final lap in the pop relay freshman Corey Molden takes the lead and wins the race.

One of the first brave souls to take his chance at the pudding slide, freshman Corey Molden runs as fast as he can and makes his way all the way down to the end of the slide which was something not many of the kids could do



A The mattresses looked like a perfect place for a nap, and Mr. John Gray did just that. He kicked back and just watched the events happen!

B Taking the plunge into slimy water of the dunk tank, sophomore MaryKathryn Frederich hits hard! She went in the water several times before her time was up.

C After being the first kid to test the dunk tank junior Cole Patrick gets out and tries to dry himself off. The dunk tank was not only used for the students, many teachers participated also.

D Taking time to just sit back, relax, and enjoy the last few days of school seniors Jacob Chalk and Matthew Gilmore hang out with junior Carly Rice on the bleachers.



# A Night to Treasure

Swinging into the night, 544 swashbuckling sailors took to the dance floor at Prom.

Dubbed "A Night to Treasure" teens took home a treasure box which included a 2005 charm bracelet, a beaded necklace, an eye patch, and a navigation compass.

"I had lots of fun this year at Prom. I really liked the pirates that were there greeting you when you came in the door," said junior Ashley Antkowiak

After two hours at the Grand March and a photo opportunity at the high school, teens headed north to the Expo Center in Valparaiso. Dinner of chicken and beef adorned with noodles, potatoes

and California blend awaited the sailors and 25 chaperones.

As lights flashed, Andrew Mullins took the honor of Prince with Alana Williams as his princess. Loud applause accompanied the announcement of David Thompson as the king and Emily Smith as queen. Thompson said, "Prom was great! Being selected Prom King was a fantastic way to finish high school. I thank all who supported me."

"I had a blast with all my buds at Prom. We all made some great memories! It was cool to be Prom Queen because I was able to represent such a diverse and awesome group of people," said senior Emily Smith.

## Sporting the Eye Patch...

While glancing at his date junior Jennifer Kurowsky, senior Matthew Jurs strikes a pose. Many Prom goers wore eye patches to celebrate the theme of Prom which was based on the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean*.



"It's an awesome experience, and you don't want to miss out on it especially if you have that special someone," said senior Jacob Croll.



"I had a lot of fun getting dressed up for Prom, and dancing with my friends," said junior Kimberly Berns (also pictured Jerica Whitlock)



"Prom was probably one of the best days of my life. I had so much fun dancing with all my friends. It was definitely a memorable experience" said senior Samantha Phillips



## Smith, Thompson lead Royal Dance...

Prom Court: Front Row: Tiffany Nemtuda, Alana Williams, Caitlin Sittima, Emily Smith, Elizabeth Sutton Ashley Symanski, David

Thompson. Row 2: Shane Byers, Cole Patrick, Andrew Mullins, Matthew Jurs, Thomas Sandonato

By: Carlin  
Oezer



Trent Dorn



### Dancing the Night Away...

Dancing to the first slow song of the night, Seniors Emily Smith and David Thompson share the excitement of being crowned Prom King and Queen at *A Night to Treasure*.



### Arrr Matie...

Being greeted at the door by pirates, freshman James Gerrero, sophomores Derek Kunzman and Andrew McKee, sophomore Stephanie Rainwater and junior Steven Lovus wait to be escorted to their table at the Expo Center.

### Getting Into the Moment...

Top: Joking around with friends, sophomore Andrew Surber tells junior Shannon Pirlot one of his pirate jokes. Andrew dressed up as one of the pirates to set the atmosphere during Prom night on May 14.



# Community Honors Seniors

## All Conference Academic Team

Anthony Fraticelli  
David Plant

## Jasper County Art League Awards

Lindsay Craig-\$100  
Herron School of Art, IUPUI  
Samantha Kampersal-\$50.  
Bryant Barrea-Sketch Book

## Art Department Plaque

Lindsay Craig

## Art Club Scholarship

Samantha Kampersal-\$100

## Band Awards

Tonya Brust  
Jonathan Delger  
Blaine Gross  
Kevin Kampenga  
David McIntosh  
Victoria Onderwater  
David Plant  
Alex Warren  
Tracy Whitesell  
Ryan Wynkoop

## Quill & Scroll Honor Cords

Alex Warren  
Rachel Yack  
Samantha Phillips

## Journalism Scholarship \$250

Rachel Yack

## Student Council 4 Year Members

Michelle Berg  
Megan Davidson  
Trent Dorn  
Kirsten Fifield  
Dyanna Hamstra  
Jeremy Kunzman  
Bertil Carl Scott  
Valenkamph

## Technology Awards, Building Trades Certificates

Benjamin J. Abbott  
Matthew E. Brumley  
Matthew M. Dykstra & Union Construction  
Industry Certificate  
Troy M. Colbert  
Justin K. Garrison  
Wayne D. Heflin  
Aaron N. Hershman  
Scott J. Hoffman  
Andrew M. Kerner  
Joshua L. Myers  
Joseph J. Pettit  
Joseph R. Rupprath  
Jeffrey S. Shelhart  
Brian J. Sisco  
Stephen J. Szymanski  
Brian J. Volk  
Robert R. Whited

## National Honor Society

Michelle Anderson  
Lindsey Beeching  
Michelle Berg  
Jill DeVries  
Nicole Disney  
Scott Fieldhouse  
Kirsten Fifield  
David Fischer  
Anthony Fraticelli  
Timothy Fraticelli  
Jilliam Golly  
Dyanna Hamstra  
Kathryn Hester  
Kyle Jansma  
Megan Kikkert  
Elizabeth Kreisler  
Jeremy Kunzman  
James Lewandowski  
Ashley Liston  
Ryan Mooney  
Megan Passaloukos  
Joanna Perzee  
David Plant  
Tom Sandonato  
Michelle Schurman  
Zachary Sessions  
Emily Smith  
Ashley Tillema  
Michael Torbitt  
Margaret Wood  
Ryan Wynkoop

## U.S. Army

### West Point

Appointment  
Thomas Richard  
Sandonato

## U.S. Army Reserve Awards

Female: Michelle Berg  
Male: Thomas Sandonato

## U.S. Marine Corps Awards

Scholastic Excellent  
Award Nominees  
Female: Michelle D. Berg  
Male: Anthony J. Fraticelli

## Semper Fidelis Award Nominees

Female: Tonya M. Brust  
Male: David S. Plant  
Distinguished Athlete  
Award Nominees  
Female: Michelle L. Schurman  
Male: Nelson N. Wilder

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Tennis  
Megan Kikkert -  
Volleyball  
Elizabeth Kreisler -  
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Swimming  
James Lewandowski -  
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Michelle Berg, Ashley Liston  
Jill DeVries



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Tonya Brust



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 Megan Passaloukis  
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 Samantha Phillips  
 David Plant  
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 Cassandra Pollard  
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 Megan Kikkert  
 Samantha Phillips  
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**Anthony Fraticelli**



**Amanda Mendoza**



**Cassandra Poisel**



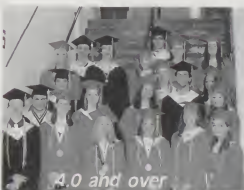
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Performance Scholarship  
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Puma Scholarship  
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9. David Plant  
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4. Michelle Schurman  
5. Dyanna Hamstra  
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7. Thomas Sandonato  
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9. Kathryn Hester  
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12. Michael Torbitt  
13. Megan Kikkert  
14. Michelle Anderson  
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16. Megan Passaloukos  
17. Timothy Fraticelli  
18. Scott Fieldhouse  
19. Nicole Disney  
20. Joanna Perzee  
21. James Lewandowski



Thomas Sandonato



Jeffrey Shelhart



Amanda Schutz



# Saying final Goodbyes

June 5 dawned hot and humid for the 210 graduates of the class of 2005. As the final graduate entered, the skies opened and rain pummeled the building.

Inside, the graduates were unaware of the thundering drops as co salutatorians Jill DeVries and Ashley Liston told their classmates to remember family and friends in their quest for future endeavors and thanked teachers and friends for the support they had given. Adding variety to the speeches, Liston had Thomas Sandonato and Bryant Barrera sing "Stand Up" before her speech.

Valedictorian Michelle Berg fought back tears as she said good-bye to her classmates and gave posthumous credit for her success to

her brother Brian who had given the valedictorian speech in 2000.

After class President, Jeremy Kunzman highlighted his speech with powder puff memories, the choir took center stage with "It's So Hard to Say Good-bye to Yesterday,"

"Pomp and Circumstance", and "A Vision of Majesty" as well as the recessional were provided by the concert band.

After 90 minutes of applause, the red and black clad members exited under the direction of their class motto: *"Be more concerned with your character rather than your reputation... Your character is who you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."*

## The Valedictorian Speech....

"Five years ago my brother gave this speech, I am who I am today because of the competitive nature of our relationship," said Valedictorian Michelle Berg, as she memorialized her brother Brian in her speech.



## Graduation day....

Walking across the stage, Jessie Fuqua shakes hands with John Heerema, President of the school board, while taking her diploma. There were 210 students who graduated on June 5 at 2 p.m.

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## Saying Goodbye To Yesterday...

Helping say farewell to their senior class, choir members sing "It's so hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday"

for their final good bye song. There were 25 seniors who were involved with choir.



Jeremy Kunzman



#### **A Little Closer to Freedom...**

After receiving the class flower, Michelle Schurman hugs junior Katherine Hubbeling. The class flower was a peppermint carnation.



#### **A Little Bit of Memory Lane...**

By request of Salutatorian Ashley Liston, Thomas Sandonato and Bryant Barrera entertain the crowd with "Stand Up" by Everyday Sunday. Bryant said, "I felt honored because not many people get to play and sing at Graduation." The duo was well received.

#### **Showing Off Their Class Picture...**

Happily holding up their class picture, Tara Pellegrini, David Plant, Charles Baumgarte, and Jamie Sipkema are all happy to have finally graduated. Everyone in the graduating senior class had the opportunity to buy a class picture with a cost of \$13-35. (Above)



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Reviewing for a test in Mr. Black's English 11 class, Dan Justice, Brandon Phillips, Brandon Mayernik, and Kyle Richardson discuss the novel "The Scarlet Letter". Everyone in the class had to get into groups of four and discuss the novel, then answer a number of questions, and write out summaries.



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Diligently carving spam for class points, Sophomore Michael Staples earns a couple of points for his class, as Sophomore Daryl Wood and Junior Luke Thomas look on. Homecoming week lunch time activities encouraged involvement with the week's events and heightened school spirit.



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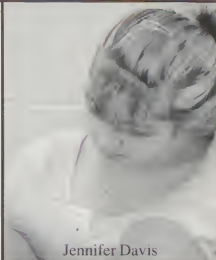
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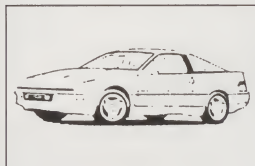
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You touched our lives,  
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yourself.  
as you've walked with each  
person you love, hand in hand.  
You've shown all the light you  
contain inside your heavenly soul  
Whether one knew you well or  
knew you not, we all care,  
forever you shall walk  
with us, for we love you,  
and always will.  
Should you be in Heaven smiling  
down on those that mourn for  
you,  
as we shed our last tears,  
in our hearts you shall stay,  
... forever and always.  
- Megan Carroll



Spread your wings Kaylah,  
fly through the heavens above.  
Keep your eyes out, for the  
people you love.  
Always remember  
the people who care,  
and we'll remember  
that you'll always be there.  
-Cheri Ammerman  
Kaylah.  
I'm going to miss beat boxing with  
you on the bus in the mornings  
on the way to school. We miss you.  
-Olivia Ortiz  
Freshman Kaylah Sutton passed  
away at Porter Memorial Hospital  
from injuries received in a car  
accident. Her family donated her  
organs to allow others to live.



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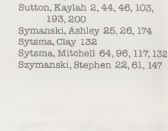
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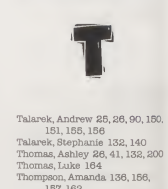
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# Faces in the crowd

Focusing on the game, junior Emma Cunningham looks intensely at the scoreboard. "My favorite thing about school was the clubs and sports. They made going to class more fun," said Emma.



Watching the football game, junior Sally Wallenstein waits for halftime to begin. "Band is a place where you can share something you love with a group of people who completely understand what you're going through," said Sally.



Setting the camera on his image, senior Jimmy Trembly gets ready to take a picture. Trembly said, "The thing I like most about school is the friends I have here. The friends I have made in yearbook and BPA are friends I will probably have for the rest of my life. I'm going to miss KV and everybody that I am leaving behind."



Janelle Kondos and Scott Fieldhouse

**Closing 198**

Holding her partner up in the air, senior Michelle Anderson tries not to drop senior Jill DeVries. "The training day was a lot of fun because we learned different games and activities," said DeVries.

by:  
Amanda  
&  
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## How many times a day do you smile?

- ★ Smiling means: To express amusement, pleasure, moderate joy, or love and kindness, by features of the face; to laugh silently.
- ★ Research tells us 53 muscles are used to frown, and only 8 to smile.
- ★ By frowning you wrinkle up your eyebrows, cheekbones, lips, and jaw.
- ★ Smiling has some major benefits to your physical and mental health.
- ★ Smiling reflects an attitude about life.
- ★ A smile is the most frequently used facial expression.
- ★ Smiling releases endorphins and makes us feel better.
- ★ Even 'faking' a smile can lead to feeling happier.
- ★ Women smile more than men.
- ★ There are 18 different kinds of smiles used in a variety of social situations.
- ★ A smiling person is judged to be more pleasant, attractive, sincere, sociable, and competent than a non-smiling person.
- ★ People are born with the ability to smile (They don't copy the expression, even babies who are born blind, smile).
- ★ Older people smile less than young people.
- ★ Information came from [www.funfacts/smiles.com](http://www.funfacts/smiles.com)

## Add a Variety to your smile

When the school year came to a close on May 26, students had completed 180 days of education, no snow days, one fog day, and lost four hours to delays.

Throughout that time, students had many opportunities to find things they liked about KV. One item was the various convocations that included people like, AC Rock, Jim Basketball Jones, and Jimmy Holmes, who all came to entertain us while teaching us important life lessons. Sunshine sponsored Volleyball games which pitted grades against grades, as well as teachers, to raise money, and Student Council hosted pep sessions and fourth hour activities.

Many classes had field trips, including Ms. Patterson's Biology class who went to the Oceanarium, the Film Lit. classes went to the movies, and Foreign Language members flew to Mexico.

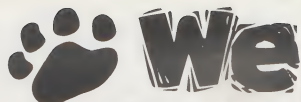
All in all it was a fun and eventful year that not only consisted of sitting in desks listening to the teacher talking, it was also about getting out of the classroom, having fun, and learning new things. That's why KV made us smile.





1. Jillian & Jordan Kolb
2. Bryant Barrera
3. Rachel Kikkert
4. Brianne Yack, Lindsey Tobias, Ashley Thomas & Emily Hinchey
5. Keely Woods

# Liked



With the time for goodbye just moments away, the 954 Kouga

said **goodbye** to 2005

Memories included the sadness of losing Kaylah Sutton in a car accident and waiting as senior Allison Bestlich awaited back surgery after a car accident on Prom night. In spite of the hard times, over 200 seniors awaited those final words. "Turn your tassles" on June 5. "It is going to be

so hard to leave behind all of **my** friends. I can't believe that I am leaving to become a freshman again," said Senior Carrie Rice.

Whether students were coming back for another year, or saying goodbye for good, they always had a

special **friend** to remember:



6. Matthew Dobin
7. Douglas Shupe & Jennifer Matusiak
8. Andrew Mullins, Nicholas Miranda & Alana Williams
9. Steven Roelfs
10. Kimberly Berns & Andrew Surber



Allison Plopper



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1 million (Office for National Statistics 1999). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 6.5 million by 2011, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 3.5 million (Office for National Statistics 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop services to meet the needs of older people, and a number of initiatives have been developed to address this need. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that older people have the opportunity to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are treated with respect and dignity.

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"My favorite thing about KV would have to be some of the teachers. They were really nice to the freshmen, and helped us get where we needed to go."  
Freshman Ashley Sholes




"My favorite thing about KV is the lunch ladies. They always seem to hook us up."  
Senior Gentry Brown




"I am always inspired by my students. When I make a connection with a student conceptually, that's one of the greatest thrills. Students here at KV are very receptive to who I am as a teacher."  
Teacher Mr. Hostetler





"My favorite thing about KV is that there is such a variety of people and groups. It's hard not to belong."  
Junior Vanessa Acevedo



"When you are at school, you get the chance to interact with people you don't see outside school. You also grow close with the teachers. You can't find that outside the school."  
Senior Julie Dowhen



"My favorite thing about KV would have to be sports. I love softball, and I also love doing Kolor Guard."  
Sophomore Tiffany Livengood



"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who care don't matter, and those who matter don't care."  
Freshman Kelli Hamstra

"The best part of Tanager County is the night sky because it's clear."  
Junior Robert Widge

"I don't like war and I don't always think it is the answer... Protection of the US could have occurred in so many other ways."  
Senior Ashley Aiston

"My best friend is everyone. I try not to let people think that I think I'm better than them. I'm not."  
Senior Andrew Naughton

"If I could go anywhere in the world, I would go to Jamaica because it is so beautiful."  
Freshman Lindsay Almer

"My favorite teacher is Mrs. McKinley because she relates everything we read to something that has happened in her own life."  
Sophomore Anastasia Wagoner

"I voted for George W. Bush. I felt that he should finish what he started, especially in Iraq and in the War on Terrorism."  
Senior James Lewandowski

"I see myself in 20 years working here in the Special Education Program, being married and living here in DeMotte."  
Junior Amanda Evans

"Anyone who advances my intelligence and gives me the opportunity to succeed in life is my favorite teacher."  
Sophomore Scott Wilder

"My favorite event from this school year is Homecoming Week because of the week long battle between the juniors and seniors."  
Senior Margaret Wood

"I'm totally against the war. I'd like to send the President who got us there. If he couldn't go, I'd send Captain Planet."  
Sophomore Mary Kathryn Frederick

